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United States Mint,

SAN FRANCISCO,

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March 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please refer to your letter of November 28th last and Bureau reply of December 7th, concerning contingent appropriation encumbrances. Check-up of the statement accompanying your report of November transactions, whereon the outstanding encumbrances are given as $7,177.23, shows that the understanding indicated in last sentence of the Bureau letter of December 7th was incorrect, in that encumbrances were not being reported by you on the monthly statements, as set up for non-local-cash items. If you will refer to Bureau letter of November 20th and the form which accompanied same, it will be seen that the column "Encumbrances set up" should include the non-local-cash items, either included in the upper section total (when set up at the time the liability accrued), or in the lower section (when not set up until notice is received from the Bureau that the voucher has been sent to the Accounting Office for settlement). Please follow the contemplated procedure in order that there may be uniformity of practice and that confusion may be avoided.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.

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March 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . . .	$ 20,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . . .	4,000.00
Total	24,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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March 8, 1926.

Hon. M. J. Kelly, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau of Standards is anxious to borrow 150 ounces of gold of the highest purity available from regular stock. They want this gold for the purpose of finding out the melting point temperature of gold. In order to ascertain the best gold for the purpose I am asking the three refineries to send three or four samples, containing not over one half ounce each, direct to the Bureau of Standards as a loan, taking a receipt therefor.

I suggest that these samples be taken from gold not less than .9999 .

They will also determine what the impurities are in your gold, and report same to you.

This gold will be returned as soon as they are through with the experiment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Carson City Mint has on hand three graphite crucibles, size No. 40, procured within a year in anticipation of receiving some large deposits which did not materialize. Their contingent appropriation for the current fiscal year is inadequate and they therefore would like to dispose of these crucibles. If you could use same, the Bureau would appreciate your helping them out. The crucibles cost the Carson Mint $4.80 each; please advise the Bureau whether you can use them, and if so, Miss Martin will be authorized to ship them and bill you at cost price.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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March 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher in favor of the Bureau of Supply for stamps used to the amount of $4.58 on shipment of a package to you on January 18, 1926. Presumably the voucher was prepared by you and sent to the Bureau of Supply for certification as payee, but they did not understand the situation and forwarded the voucher to this office. We have not learned how the matter was brought to your attention; however, we are in receipt of information from the Bureau of Supply, by telephone, that it will be satisfactory to them if you disregard the matter at this time, leaving the question of reimbursement for stamps used on supplies forwarded you until near the close of the fiscal year, when a bill will be rendered for all the stamps used during the fiscal year; this will be in conformity with the previous year's handling of the same matter. It is therefore requested that no further action be taken by you at this time with regard to reimbursing the Bureau of Supply for stamps used on shipments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

March 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher in favor of the Bureau of Supply for stamps used to the amount of $4.58 on shipment of a package to you on January 18, 1926. Presumably the voucher was prepared by you and sent to the Bureau of Supply for certification as payee, but they did not understand the situation and forwarded the voucher to this office. We have not learned how the matter was brought to your attention; however, we are in receipt of information from the Bureau of Supply, by telephone, that it will be satisfactory to them if you disregard the matter at this time, leaving the question of reimbursement for stamps used on supplies forwarded you until near the close of the fiscal year, when a bill will be rendered for all the stamps used during the fiscal year; this will be in conformity with the previous year's handling of the same matter. It is therefore requested that no further action be taken by you at this time with regard to reimbursing the Bureau of Supply for stamps used on shipments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

March 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of March 17, 1926, with its offer to take the No. 40 crucibles not needed at Carson City Mint.

The Assayer in Charge at Carson City is being requested to ship the crucibles to you and render voucher for same. Your check in payment for the crucibles should be made in favor of the Assayer in Charge, United States Mint at Carson City, and forwarded to that office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

March 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 17th you are authorized to purchase a Burroughs Adding Machine with electric drive, it being understood that this purchase will be made in accordance with the terms of the General Supply Committee Catalogue.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
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March 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Will you please advise this Bureau of the number, if any, of the California Jubilee coins that were returned by the Jubilee Committee to the Mint to be melted.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
GR

March 23, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Purchase Dixon crucibles approved.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of Mint 1926.

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March 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of February 1926.

In the account "Silver Bullion for Bars" the closing balance has been increased 4¢ to agree with the schedule of unpaid deposits and abstract sheet, and the value of retained charges and fractions has been correspondingly reduced. This also calls for a reduction of 4¢ in the account "Silver Coinage Bullion", with corresponding correction of form 195.

It is noted from the proposals accompanying Vo. 295, payable to the Crane Co., that the "1/2" #1 Globe valves" could have been purchased from the California Steam and Plumbing Co. at a saving of eighteen cents when compared with the price paid the Crane Co. for this item. Whenever it is possible to effect a saving by spliting award, as to items, it should be done, unless the bidder specifies on his proposal that its acceptance must be for all or none of the items.

Vo. 326 is made payable to the Speck Manufacturing and Gear Co., but is unsupported by accepted bid submitted by this firm. Bid of the California Gear Works was accepted at the price paid the Speck Co. Explanation is requested, and if the Speck Co. succeeded the California Co. legally executed evidence of such fact should be filed to support the voucher.

Attention is invited to Bureau letter dated December 21, 1925, wherein request was made that payments of bars or cash by express or registered mail for bullion deposits be supported by original of depositor's authority for such method of transmitting payment, and by receipt of the express company or post-

master, as the case may be. These authorizations are not being filed. Please forward the depositor's letters, or form 104b when it is used, for the following deposits, and follow such procedure in future: Nos. 3826; 3850; 3888; 3937; 3966; 3968; 3972; 3974; 3975; 3977; 4027; 4035; 4078; 4106; 4109; 4131; 4147; 4171; 4199; 4200; 4230; 4234; 4283; 4289; and silver Nos. 98; 104; 105; 107; 108; 109; 111; and 112.

Deposit No. 3839 is stated in the name of E. W. Schmidt; the accompanying form 104b directs that payment be made to Schmidt and Williams, Mr. Schmidt signing the direction for the firm. The deposit therefore should have been recorded in the name of Schmidt and Williams.

Deposit No. 4184 is paid for in cash, certified to have been transmitted by either mail (registered) or express. Registered mail or express receipt does not accompany warrant nor does depositor's request for payment in cash; please forward same.

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . . .	$20,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . .	5,000.00
Total . .	25,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

April 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find photostat copy of letter of the Post Office Department dated February 26, 1926, together with bill of that department against the San Francisco Mint for drayage on January 5, 1926, of onecarton of envelopes, $1.41. If the service was rendered as stated please make payment as per directions contained in the letter of the Post Office Department; both the letter and bill should be filed with your accounts to support the expenditure, and since the amount is to be paid to another Government department a copy of the bill should accompany the original.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

April 6, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

For use House Representatives Committee forward Bureau immediately specimens nineteen useless papers documents listed your letter September twenty-five complete enough to give Committee idea general character papers documents regarded as useless.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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April 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 11.20 ounces certificate bar samples, representing Mint Fine Gold Melts 86, 91, 96, 123, 128, 133 and 138, forwarded with your letter of April 1st.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

It is noted that your statement of appropriation transactions for the month of March does not show any entries under "encumbrances liquidated without local cash payment". The records of this office indicate that on March 24th, two bills in the amounts of $4.16 and $2.44, were forwarded to the Auditor for settlement. Letter of advice was mailed your office on the same day. If these are to be shown in the March transactions please render corrected statement including same; if not, but are to appear in statement for April, please advise.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 4.80 ounces certificate bar samples, representing Mint Fine Gold Melts 98, 103 and 120, forwarded with your letter of April 2nd.

Respectfully,

M. B. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized to accept White Brothers' bid on lumber.

Grant
Director

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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April 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Please look over your files of the Reports of the Director of the Mint, and if you have an extra copy of the 1915 Report which you can spare, please forward it to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find photostat copy of letter of the Post Office Department dated March 27, 1926, together with bill of that department against the San Francisco Mint for drayage on February 1, 1926, of one carton of envelopes, $1.52. If the service was rendered as stated please make payment as per directions contained in the letter of the Post Office Department; both the letter and bill should be filed with your accounts to support the expenditure, and since the amount is to be paid to another Government department a copy of the bill should accompany the original.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your telegram of April 13th asking authority to purchase a copy-holder, the expenditure to amount to $16.00. I would call your attention to the fact that it is unnecessary for you to apply to the Bureau for permission to make such small purchases, particularly as the price of the article you propose to purchase is dictated to you by the General Supply Schedule. May I further call your attention to the growing practice of your Mint to telegraph business which might be transacted by mail. I hesitate to continually suggest the General Accounting Office in connection with such matters, but I think you will appreciate from your experience and mine that it is very difficult to explain to that Office the unnecessary use of telegrams in such instances. Of course, when an emergency exists at the close of the fiscal year, or when time would not permit transacting business by mail, telegrams should be sent. Otherwise, letters should be written.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your monthly statement of deposits of unrefined domestic and foreign gold and silver bullion and foreign gold and silver coin, deposited during the month of March, 1926, has not yet been received; please forward same.

As it is desirable that the statement be in this office by the 12th of the month, following the month for which rendered, I trust you will find it convenient to forward it that it may reach the Bureau in due time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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April 19, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau has had referred to it a Memorandum of Deposit made in January, 1855 by the Adams Express Company, indicated to be worth $1,652.73. This old Memorandum, together with Express Company receipt has been sent to the Bureau. The name of the owner of the deposit was Augustus Bossuot. Have you any record of such a deposit, and of its payment by the Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 14th, you are advised that this Bureau is of the opinion that you are correct in acting upon the advice of the Compensation Commission, and that it will not be necessary for you to forward Form 2217 in the case of Edward White.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of Bureau letter dated December 21, 1926, requested in your letter of March 25, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

April 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of March 1926.

In the "Silver Bullion for Bars" account the opening balance has been increased four cents. The closing balance of the prior month having been increased by a like amount in order to agree with schedule of unpaid deposits and abstract sheet as per instructions contained in Bureau letter of March 25, 1926, regarding your February accounts. The corrections as contained in Bureau letter referred to above were incorporated in the accounts as forwarded to the Auditor.

Form 193 - "Silver Coinage Bullion", surplus bullion recovered should be 5.11 ozs. instead of 51.11 ozs.

Under separate cover copies of Form 221, "Certificate of Ore Assays" have been forwarded. It is suggested that these be used to support schedule of special assay collections. The General Accounting Office has requested copies of the receipts issued to those for whom the work is done, showing the service performed. It is noted that Form 221, Certificate of Ore Assays carries the information.

American Ry. Express Co. receipt accompanying C/D 4587, is enclosed with request that the value of the payment be stated thereon. This is a cash payment and the receipt of the express company constitutes the government's receipt.

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San Francisco -2-.

It is noted that the bid for one dozen 1/2" black caps, on Vo. 345, has been awarded to the California Steam and Plumbing Supply Co., at a cost of three cents in excess of the lowest bidder for this article. The bid of the Crane Co., is six cents less for the same article with the notation "All or None" on the face thereof. Although the amount is of no great consequence the General Accounting Office is very strict in this respect. In principle, the lowest bid should always be accepted even as it pertains to individual items, unless the bidder specifies the bid is subject to acceptance in full.

Vo. 337 is returned with request that copies of the proposals be attached thereto and the notation on reverse thereof under "B" be changed to read"herewith" If this is a partial delivery and payment the original order should be attached to this voucher and reference made thereto on subsequent deliveries and payments. Reference on a voucher should be to the voucher itself or to a previous one, but never to subsequent one, particularly as to months. The accounts are settled in sequence as to months and such references should be more tangible.

With further regard to Vo. 337, two bids only were noted under "2". Attention is invited to page 19, mint regulations, wherein it is stated that at least three bids be obtained. If the required number of bids have been solicited but do not respond notation to that effect should appear on the voucher.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R.

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April 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of April 19th with reference to a copy of the 1915 Report, sent from your files, which we are very glad to have.

My congratulations to the Assayer on his prodigious memory.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 19th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the American Smelting & Refining Company in connection with 1847 sacks of "Sweeps".

It is understood that requests for bids were sent out to three dealers and that only one bid has been received.

The proposal you inclosed is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of decision A-13285, rendered by the Comptroller General of the United States under date of April 19, 1926, in connection with Settlement C-35133-T, your accounts, whereon credit was suspended because of differences between the lowest and the accepted bids and the total cost of supplies purchased. These differences were occasioned by not strictly complying with the provisions of Section 3709, Revised Statutes. The decision is forwarded to you by this office for your information and future guidance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

S.

April 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your quarterly statements of deposits on Forms 61-A, 61-B, 474-A and 637, for the period ended March 31, 1926, have not as yet been received in this Bureau; please forward same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . .	$20,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . .	5,000.00
Total . .	25,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Night Letter. May 1, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Calif.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Wire Bureau in code amount Pittman silver and number of ounces refined silver on hand close of business April thirtieth.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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May 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of March 25, 1926, concerning your February accounts, your reply of March 30th, and to Bureau letter of April 23rd concerning the March accounts, and particularly to the item of 4¢ in the account "Silver Bullion for Bars".

Changes have been made in your March Bullion Account Current to show acquisition by the Mint of the 4¢ worth of silver in March - the month in which payment was made for the deposits, thus reversing the change made in the February account, wherein you carried the 4¢ item as an acquisition by the Mint during the month in which the deposits were received. The changes would not have been made in February if there had been any indication with the accounts, at the time rendered, that 4¢ was to be paid in cash. The column on the form "Unpaid Deposits" is used differently by different institutions of the Mint Service, and when the total amount remaining unpaid was shown in the silver column of the Unpaid Deposits form it was understood that this total was to be paid in silver bars. This form is now under revision.

The above-mentioned adjustments in your March bullion account current will bring the March 31st balances of the Account Current, as rendered to the General Accounting Office, in conformity with your records.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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May 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 5th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Ames, Harris, Neville Company to furnish your Mint with 5,000 silver coin sacks at a price of $543.75. It is understood that three firms were invited to submit bids on this item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter stating that you can spare Mr. John T. Byrnes for service in connection with the annual settlement at the New York Assay Office. Will you please advise Mr. Byrnes of this assignment. A formal letter of authority to travel will be sent to Mr. Byrnes in due time.

It is planned to have Mr. Wagor made Chairman of the settlement committee at your Mint, to be assisted by Mr. Barteld of the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Perry S. Myers of Seattle.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to Mr. John C. Byrnes' service as a member of the settlement committee at New York, will you please ask Mr. Byrnes to notify this Bureau as promptly as possible which he wants, the $5.00 or $4.00 per day allowance.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of April 1926.

The following vouchers 372, 373, 388, 413, 414, 415, 417 and 419, are returned with request that the form of agreement be noted in its proper place on face of vouchers. With further regard to voucher 373, it is requested that the amount for which the voucher was approved be placed in its proper place opposite signature of the Superintendent.

Voucher 408 - S. Cassinelli, is returned with request that the method of advertising be stated as "4d" and the form of agreement as "C", in accordance with information noted on reverse of voucher form.

Deposit Certificate No. 5303, and receipt for bullion of same number are returned herewith inviting attention to the fact that the endorsement on the latter differs from the receipt on the former, in that Donald J. Keeley appears to be the signature noted on the receipt for bullion whereas the signature on face of deposit certificate appears to be. D. Keeley. They should be the same.

The balance on hand as of March 31, 1926, and as of April 30, 1926, Minor Coinage Metal - Bronze (Form 193) is shown as 1,621,567.78 ounces instead of 1,621,568.78 ounces. correction has been made in this office.

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San Francisco -2-

Voucher 403 - Walworth Lally Co.; the first item reads - Fuller balls, 1/2" - the proposal and order reads - 1/2" Fuller bibb washers; were washers or balls furnished, - and if they are "particular make" the necessity therefor should be explained.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am inclosing transportation orders and Pullman orders for Mr. John T. Byrnes, who is to take part in the settlement at New York.

Please call Mr. Byrnes' attention to the fact that he is expected to get round-trip transportation.

The Pullman requests cover only one way and return Pullman requests will be issued later for the reason that new forms will be used after July 1st.

A formal letter of authority to travel will be sent in due time to Mr. Byrnes. The transportation orders are being sent in advance so that he may make reservations in time.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Advise Mr. Byrnes New York settlement commences Tuesday June fifteenth.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1926.

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June 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 25th, you are authorized to purchase from Coors Porcelain Company 24 earthenware cells at a total cost of $129.60. It is understood that this is the only bid submitted, although three bids were requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 26th, you are authorized to purchase from George Windeler Company six pine tanks at a total cost of $135.25, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 . .	$ 19,000.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926	4,000.00
	23,000.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of May 26, 1926, forwarding certain informal contracts for the fiscal year beginning July first next. Papers pertaining to the contracts for water, gas, and electric current appear to be in proper form; they will be held in this office until the first vouchers paid thereunder have been checked as to the rates charged, and then forwarded to the General Accounting Office. The vouchers should be so prepared that the rates can be verified from the contracts.

The papers constituting contracts Nos. 4 to 8, inclusive, are herewith returned for further consideration as per the following:

As regards the telephone contract, it is noted that at present additional charges are being made for extra listings; since they are not mentioned in the schedule of prices quoted it is presumed that they are to be discontinued beginning July first next.

As regards nitric acid, it is noted that but one of the three firms invited to bid submitted quotations. If you are unable to obtain competition, such fact should be stated. The attitude of the Comptroller General is that real competition should be had if obtainable; and that failure to respond, of two out of three persons invited to submit bids, is not sufficient evidence that competition is not obtainable.

The above remarks pertaining to acid apply also to the ice proposals. It would seem that competition should be obtainable for furnishing of ice in a city the size of San Francisco.

As regards the proposals for laundry, it is noted that on one of the items, that of roll towels, the Ideal Laundry price is lower than that of the Metropolitan Laundry; while on all the other items, the price of the latter is smaller. Your recommendation contemplates acceptance of the Metropolitan Company bids on all items. The General Accounting Office takes the position that under such circumstances the awards should be split, unless it is shown that the accepted proposal was made on the basis of acceptance of "all or none" of the items on which quotations are made.

The accepted proposal on castings is returned for signature of the Enterprise Foundry Co. This proposal is signed by an individual without giving name of his principal. Since but two dealers were invited to bid on castings, it is suggested that notation be made to the effect that these are the only firms able to furnish castings, if such is the fact.

Where there is only one source of supply please attach statement to that effect to the contract papers. Such notation will be made in this office on acceptances pertaining to contracts Nos. 1 to 3.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

~~R. J. Grant,~~

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-S.

Encl.

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June 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, in the sum of $1.14. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation, please draw check and forward same as per directions in the accompanying photostat letter of the First Assistant Postmaster General, dated April 27, 1926. The bill of the Post Office Department together with a copy thereof should be filed as an expenditure voucher pertaining to your Contingent Appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau has been advised confidentially that the Federal Reserve Bank will make deposits of foreign gold coin at your Mint as follows: About June 11th, £ 500,000; early in July £ 1,000,000, in August, two deposits of £ 1,000,000 each; and in September or later, one deposit of £ 500,000.

Will you please be prepared to make payment for the deposit reaching your Mint about June 11th before settlement. It is hoped that the shipment due early in July will not reach your Mint until after the settlement is closed.

In accordance with the regulations "Payments for bullion, etc.", paragraph 3, page 12, you are authorized to make advance payment of 99% on the declared value of a deposit of foreign coin, if valued at not less than $1,000,000, after its weight and approximate value have been determined, provided, that the depositor, a bank of unquestioned standing and responsibility, gives a written guarantee that the value deposited is at least equal to the amount advanced.

Please treat this information as confidential.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

June 4, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find letter of the Assistant Director of Supply, Treasury Department, dated June 3, 1926, together with a schedule of parcel post shipments of supplies from Washington to your institution during the past fiscal year, at a cost of $5.44.

You will please attach both of the enclosed papers to one of our regular public voucher forms, considering the signature of Mr. Spangler as in the nature of a certification of correctness of the voucher, making the voucher in favor of your local Postmaster, procuring stamps to the amount of the postage in question, and forwarding the stamps with a letter of advice direct to the Bureau of Supply, Treasury Department. Do not send a check to the Bureau of Supply.

It is suggested that this matter be taken care of during the current month. It is improbable that there will be future vouchers of this nature, in view of the provision on page 3 of the Act making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, copy of which was recently mailed you. This provision authorizes payment of transportation on supplies forwarded from Washington by the Bureau of Supply, from the appropriation provided for that Bureau.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1925.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized accept American Smelting and Refining Company's bid sweeps.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of Mint 1926.

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June 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am inclosing a formal letter of approval, and returning the abstracts of proposals for gasoline and oil supplies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

June 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

As a result of your reply to Bureau letter dated February 13, 1926, enclosing circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated February 12, 1926, concerning economy in the expenditure of appropriations during the current fiscal year, reserves have been set up against your appropriations as follows:

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 - $4,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926 - 800.

The setting up of these reserves has the effect of correspondingly reducing your 4th quarter apportionments. No obligations should be created against the amounts reserved unless imperatively necessary, and not under any circumstances until previous authority has been obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury, through this office.

Respectfully.

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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June 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am inclosing copies of correspondence with The Satopilas Mining Company relative to deposits of silver at your Mint in exchange for bars.

I am at a loss to understand their statement that you will not accept for return in fine bars anything in excess of 500 ounces. I know of no restriction. It is true that if you have no stock of fine silver bars on hand in excess of your coinage needs, that you may expect the depositor to wait until you can refine his silver, but if you have a stock on hand, it is my opinion that the law requires us to make the exchange. Of course, we cannot make the exchange at the expense of our convenience in determining our needs for subsidiary coinage.

I would also suggest that since the stock of silver in your Mint in the subsidiary coin account is not redundant, you are free to purchase silver at the market rate if offerred in the form of deposits in comparatively small quantities, that is, under 10,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, in the sum of $3.89. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation, please draw check and forward same as per directions in the accompanying photostat letter of the First Assistant Postmaster General, dated May 25, 1926. The bill of the Post Office Department together with a copy thereof should be filed as an expenditure voucher pertaining to your Contingent Appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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June 17, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Heretofore it has been the practice of the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants of the office of the Secretary of the Treasury to forward to the Mint Bureau all Certificates of Deposit evidencing the placing of Mint Service moneys in the Treasury (except those evidencing deposits to the checking credit of disbursing officers), for the purpose of being indorsed as to the proper appropriation or receipt accounts to which the amounts are to be credited, and as to the date of the liability bond to which the transactions properly pertain. This has been a common practice as regards practically all divisions of the Government Service. It is the desire of the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants that this practice be discontinued, in order to save delay and loss of certificates of deposit between the time they leave the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants and their return thereto, to get appropriation repayments more quickly on the books and thus available for subsequent advance, and to otherwise expedite the work of that office. In order to accomplish this, it will be necessary for each officer handling Government funds to supply date of bond and sufficient additional information on each certificate of deposit for the proper classification of the items to be recorded in the books.

It will probably be of assistance to state, in this connection, that the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants of the Treasury Department keeps the general accounts for the entire Government Service - for each Department and Division thereof. There are hundreds of collection accounts and many hundreds of appropriation and disbursement accounts. It is therefore advisable, in order to save detail, that receipt items be classified in such manner that some of the accounts kept by the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants are combinations of two or more sub-items. In order that you may have the necessary information for preparation of certificates of deposit the names of the miscellaneous receipt account-headings pertaining to Mint business are given on an enclosure herewith. These account-headings are underscored, and underneath each account is given the sub-items (if any) pertaining to that account. In preparing certi-

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ficates of deposit, you should use the underscored receipt-heads, (other titles or descriptions may cause confusion) and if the sub-items are shown on the certificate of deposit, such indication should be in a manner to show that they are sub-heads. These miscellaneous receipt-heads with sub-items thereof, will be available to the Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants for their guidance.

The General Accounting Office keeps accounts with all of the hundreds of Government disbursing officers, primarily by bonds. Any money advanced to or received by a Government disbursing officer under a particular bond, must be accounted for to the Treasury and the General Accounting Office, under that bond. For example, if money has been received prior to the date a new bond becomes effective, and for some reason it is subject to your control after the new bond becomes effective, the certificate of deposit therefor and all the accounts must show that the money was deposited in the Treasury under the old bond, and must not be stated in the accounts under the new bond. Assets of the "bullion accounts" are transferred between bonds, not deposited in the Treasury.

Moneys collected in payment for work done for foreign governments, for other branches of the United States Government, by one mint institution for another, or for private parties when authorized, are creditable to the appropriations which were charged with the expense of doing the work, to the extent of the cost to the Government for such services. Such work is done by the Mint Service on a non-profit basis; should charges be in excess of the cost to the Government, such excess would not be creditable to appropriations, but to miscellaneous receipts. When amounts are properly creditable to appropriations, information on the certificate of deposit should include the source from which the money was received, the full name of the appropriation, with year, to be credited, and the amount to be credited to each appropriation if more than one is involved. Such information should also appear on the certificate of deposit when unexpended balances of appropriations are to be repaid into the Treasury when no longer needed, as well as at the time an old bond is superseded by a new one. Whenever amounts are credited to appropriations the certificates of deposit should also carry the notation "Unexpended balance - credit appropriation from which advanced".

The changed procedure in the Treasury Department at Washington will become effective for deposits made on and after July first next. It is requested that your preparation of certificates of deposit on the new basis be commenced at once, in order that it may be working smoothly at as early a date as practicable. With this end in view, it is directed that whenever deposits in the Treasury are made, other than to your checking credit, advice be simultaneously forwarded to this office on form 550-A, "Notification of Certificates of Deposit forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury", giving de-

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tailed information of the amounts, with sources, making up each certificate of deposit. This information is necessary for our records and for assisting in straightening out such difficulties as may arise; it should not be overlooked. If the available space on the form is inadequate an additional sheet may be attached.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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June 18, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized accept bid American Smelting and Refining Company five tons copper fourteen hundred forty-five dollars.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1926.

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June 21, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Authorized to accept proposals Dixon and Ross Tacony graphite goods.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1926.

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June 22, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Will you please refer to letter from the Bureau dated June 17, relative to a change in procedure in endorsing certificates of deposit, and take the matter up with Mr. Bartelt who is fully equipped to explain the change to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

June 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Souther Pacific Company, amount $1.41, covering freight charges on graphite crucibles, Carson City to San Francisco, March 27, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have your letter of June 14th relative to the policy of paying out silver bars on deposits. I fully agree with your conclusion that we should pay out silver bars to depositors when we can spare them but that the coinage should be the first consideration. I would suggest that you keep on hand at all times enough to cover your Pittman silver account, so that you can take up the completion of the silver coinage account at any time. In addition to that, I think we should keep a sufficient amount of refined silver to cover any normal demands for subsidiary coinage. There is no indication that any heavy demand will be made upon you for subsidiary coinage during the coming fall.

I would further suggest that in case you have the opportunity to purchase silver, you are free to do so, since the silver stock for subsidiary silver coins is not redundant. This does not mean that you are to go into the market and purchase on bids, but to accept offers of silver should they come to the Mint in quantities up to about 10,000 ounces.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 18th, you are authorized to purchase from C. W. Marwedel 4 sheets #10 Stubs gauge 0.134" Hard Rolled Sheet Copper 36" x 72" at 24 3/4¢ per pound, an approximate aggregate price of $106.92.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 18th concerning deposit tags, forms No. 464 and 733, I have to state that present indications are that they will not reach you by the first of July. The Bureau made requisition on the Printing Division promptly after receipt of your request, but the large demand on the Government Printing Office for forms required for use beginning July first, has resulted in delay in that office. Their completion will be expedited as much as possible and they will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received from the printing office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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June 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of May 1926.

One copy of the regular account current is returned for correction as per pencil notations thereon. Under "Receipts" in the "Collection" column there appears the amounts of the appropriation advances for the month of May. They should be placed as indicated in the "Accountable Warrants" column, necessitating changes in the totals of these columns.

This office has filled in under "Inclosures" on reverse of both copies of the bullion account current the necessary notations, as well as those in the section directly above; they were received incomplete in this respect.

Voucher No. 452 in favor of the American Smelting and Refining Company is supported by quotation and acceptance on two reels assay lead at an aggregate price of $50.00, although a unit price is also stated of $0.1685 per lb. The voucher is made on the basis of the pound price, disregarding the $50.00 aggregate quotation. All papers pertaining thereto are enclosed, for correction, explanation and return. It is also noted that the voucher amount is about 25% greater than the quoted cost.

Voucher 450 - payable to the Post Office Department, for drayage, should have been rendered in duplicate as is required for such transactions between one department of the government and another. Kindly forward a copy of the voucher.

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San Francisco -2-.

Voucher 459 - payable to White Bros. is returned for inspection and explanation. The bid of the J. E. Higgins Co., rendered in "Board" feet, appears to be more favorable to the government on several items than that of White Bros., who received the award. If this is not correct kindly advise of the method used in arriving at the item costs under the Higgins bid.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

As soon as practicable after the first of July will you kindly forward the usual data covering your operations during the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1926, for use in preparation of the Director's Annual Report to the Secretary of the Treasury? Reference is made to the first eighteen pages of the 1925 Annual Report for needed data; where such data regularly reach the Bureau in routine reports, repetition will not be necessary. The coining department report should separately state silver dollar and subsidiary silver operations.

If material quantities of any "memorial" coins have been melted during the year, please state the amount of each, and follow this practice in the future. This is not intended as a requirement for strict segregation of "memorial" coins from other coins of the same denominations, but is to cover special lots of such coins; for example, those which are returned because the organization responsible therefor has not disposed of them.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.S.

June 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with directions of the Treasury Budget Officer, based on the apportionment Act of February 27, 1906, this office has apportioned the appropriations of your institution for the fiscal year 1927, by quarters, as follows:

	Salaries and Wages	Contingent
Amount appropriated	$256,000.00	$57,500.00
Less Deduction for retirement	6,226.50	
Amount available	249,773.50	57,500.00
1st Quarter Apportionment	63,000.00	15,000.00
2nd " "	62,500.00	14,000.00
3rd " "	62,200.00	13,000.00
4th " "	62,073.50	14,900.00
Reserve		600.00

It is directed that no obligation be incurred against any appropriation during any quarter which would encroach upon apportionments of subsequent quarters. Should conditions develop which would warrant an amendment to the apportionment, please make recommendation to this office with full explanation of the reasons therefor, in order that the Bureau may be in position to take the matter up with the Budget Officer. Recommendation for an apportionment change does not carry with it authority to create obligations on the basis of the recommendation. Established apportionments should be adhered to until authority is received for changes.

Requirements for reporting obligations against appropriations and liquidation thereof, have been materially modified for the 1927 appropriations. Report for June will be made on the present basis. For July and thereafter the only special report of encumbrances will be made on form 998, Schedule of Encumbrances, which is revived for the purpose of reporting the obligations incurred against each of your two appropriations. From form 998 and the regular schedule of disbursements the Bureau will be able to compile the data required by the Budget Officer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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July 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	$ 22,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	5,000.
	27,000.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 2, 1926.

Sir:

I am inclosing a mimeographed circular received from the Chief Clerk's Office on which it is requested that you make a report of the savings on account of taking advantage of discounts in making purchases during the year. If this information is available, please forward it to the Bureau in the form indicated in the attached circular. If it is impossible for you to give exact figures, please make as close an estimate as possible, and beginning this year, please keep a record of discounts taken by you in making purchases.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

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July 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., amount $10.95, covering freight charges on specimens of old records, San Francisco to Washington, D. C., April 20, 1926; dollar dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, April 21, 1926 and dollar dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, April 24, 1926, have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,
M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Luckenbach Steamship Company, amount $2.50, covering freight charges on two cartons of paper tags from Boston, Mass., to San Francisco, Cal., May 18, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 7, 1926.

Mr. John F. Byrnes,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your voucher in the amount of $104.50, for reimbursement of traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of official duty from June 6-30, 1926, as a member of the annual settlement committee which met at the Assay Office at New York is returned for correction and amendment. The "oath or affirmation of claimant" is not sufficiently completed in that either the word "swear" or "affirm" is lacking in the first line thereof. The day and hour or departing from and arrival at offical station should be indicated on the voucher. (See Par. 23, Travel Regulations). The total of the voucher appears to be $103.50 instead of $104.50 as claimed. A copy of letter of authorization should also be attached to voucher. Kindly make these necessary corrections and return voucher to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

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July 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a report from the Bureau of Standards on the five samples of gold furnished by the three Mints and the New York Assay Office.

I wish you would read this report very carefully, and if you have any criticism to make, I should be glad to hear from you. The gold furnished by you will be returned shortly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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July 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 28, 1926, concerning the reporting of appropriation encumbrances, etc., during the fiscal year 1927. Since the "add" and "deduct" items no longer appear on the schedules of vouchers paid, it will be necessary that we receive more information than was covered by our request for revival of Schedule of Encumbrances, form 998.

Directions in letter of June 28th are therefore modified to provide that the letter reports of encumbrances set up, liquidated, etc., be continued as during the latter part of the fiscal year just closed except that the data will not be separately kept or reported for each quarter. In other words, each month's transactions will be considered as applying to the fiscal year as a whole, instead of being split up into quarters. This will be a very material lessening of the requirements of the fiscal year just closed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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July 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 7.20 ounces certificate bar samples, representing fine gold mass melts 135, 140, 145, 150 and 155; and 9.20 ounces certificate bar samples, representing Mint fine gold melts 143, 148, 153, 158, 163 and 168, forwarded with your letters of July 2, 1926.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The records of the Bureau show the furlough ratings of the following employees are Workmanship 99, Conduct 100:

R. F. Barry,
Robert F. Brownrigg,
Charles S. Campbell,
Adolph Miller.

Will you please forward a copy of your letter granting these ratings to the employees named. This request is made merely for the purpose of completing our records.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Comparison of the opening and closing balances of your Cashier's Daily Statement for July 7, 1926, indicates a transfer of $111.30 from the Special Deposit Depositary Account to the Ordinary Depositary Account. Explanation of these transfers is requested; such explanation with appropriate inclusion of items in the money columns should have been made in the statement.

In this connection it is noted that on the Cashier's Daily Statement of July 8th the Special Deposit Depositary opening balance given is $10,302.35, which is 10¢ more than the corresponding closing balance of the prior day. Explanation is requested. An opening balance should always be the same as the prior closing balance. If any adjustment is required, such adjustment should always be shown with explanations thereof.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Company, amount $30.78, covering freight charges on bullion scale, New Orleans to San Francisco, April 15, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

July 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of June 1926.

It is requested that in future the amount paid out for mutilated coin purchased be noted on the assay report, separately for gold and for silver, and that the excess value of the bar produced be also noted. The amount paid out should be shown, on the bullion account current, as "Light weight, uncurrent and mutilated coin received as bullion", and the excess value as "Recoveries incident to receipt of light weight and mutilated coin as bullion".

Deposit certificate and receipt for bullion No. 6615, are herewith returned for receipt of J. Frantz for the cash paid him, $120.91.

Please forward schedule of advance bullion payaments outstanding on June 30th, $240,000.00.

On the regular account current and schedule of collections the proceeds of superintendent's sweeps sold should have been listed with other "Proceeds, surplus bullion recovered"; this has been indicated by pencil notation, made in this office. The American Smelting and Refining Company's report on these sweeps has been filed, and noted as an "Inclosure", pertaining to the regular account, and the reports on the other sweeps have been filed as bullion account vouchers instead of subvouchers to contingent voucher No. 507.

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Voucher No. 496, Stauffer Chemical Company, nitric acid @ 7¢ lb. has notation on reverse of the form to the effect that proposals were sent to but two bidders. Proposals should be sent to at least three dealers when bids are solicited on supplies, or reason for not doing so should be given.

The proposal of Baker, Hamilton and Pacific Co. (attached to Vo. 466) contains an item of scrub brushes with handles at $2.50 per dozen, which were purchased on Vo. 480, payable to the above mentioned company. The proposal indicates "2% for payment in 10 days" which discount does not seem to have been taken advantage of.

Vouchers Nos. 522 and 526 are returned for amendment. On No. 522 the capacity in which the representative signs for his company is not given, and on No. 526 the price is stated per spool while the proposal and acceptance read, per lb. On both vouchers there is difference between the name of the payee at top of vouchers, and the name signed to the certificate.

Early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

July 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Williams Steamship Company, Inc., amount $4.56, covering freight charges on one box stationery, Washington, D. C. to San Francisco, Cal., May 14, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

E.
B.

July 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, amount $.39, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coinage made during the month of June 1926. The rate of 4 7/8¢ per $1,000.00 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am returning the application of Mr. Selig for extension of leave without pay for a period of twenty days. If you are willing to do so it will be possible to have the Secretary of the Treasury grant an extension of leave on account of sickness, with pay, for a period of thirty days, upon your recommending the same, with the approval of the Bureau. This is done in meritorious cases, and if you will have Mr. Selig make up a sick leave application and send it with a letter that he is deserving of the extension, I feel sure we can carry him with pay up to thirty days sick.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, the following bill of the American Railway Express Company:

J/6/5922, June 22, 1926, San Francisco to Los Angeles, $10,000-nickels- $82.82

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Munson Steamship Company, amount $2.50, covering freight charges on one carton of envelopes, Baltimore, Md., to San Francisco, Cal., February 22, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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August 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	$20,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	5,000.
	25,000.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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August 3, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The new method of transferring to the "Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund", retirement deductions from the compensation of employees, of which you were recently advised, requires reapportionment of the Salaries and Wages appropriations. In addition, the Department has directed compliance with a requirement of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that -

> "A sum not less than two per cent of the total amount expended for the salaries of the entire Executive Civil Service of the Government, except temporary employees of the field service, from appropriations available for salaries during the fiscal year 1927, will be reserved to be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury.
>
> "The necessary reduction in personnel to accomplish this saving will be made by omitting such new appointments to fill current vacancies as will result in an actual saving equal to two per cent of the amount expended for salaries in each department and establishment from appropriations available for such expenditure during the fiscal year 1927. No employee will be discharged, demoted, or reduced in salary for the sole purpose of effecting this saving."

It is highly probable that no vacancies will occur at some of the smaller institutions of the Mint Service, therefore some of the larger institutions will be called upon to carry savings of more than 2%. If vacancies do occur at the small offices this Bureau will consider the necessity of immediately filling such vacancies, on the basis of a showing by the Assayer in Charge of the actual need and our own knowledge

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of the local situation. To the extent of their ability the small offices will be expected to care for their own share of the 2% savings. At the large offices vacancies which cannot remain unfilled should be filled, so far as practicable, from employees already in the service, leaving the actual vacancies at the most convenient points. If it is considered necessary to fill vacancies by new appointees the necessity therefor should be fully set forth in recommendations to the Bureau.

On the above basis your Salaries and Wages appropriation has been reapportioned and reserved as below. It will be noted that the earlier quarters of the fiscal year have been assigned more than one fourth of the available total; this is to cover possible needs rather than expected actual requirements. Amounts unused in one quarter will be available for following quarters. No encumbrances should be created in one quarter which will encroach upon subsequent quarter's allotments. If developments warrant a change in the apportionment full explanation of such developments should be given the Bureau, and no liabilities may be created on the basis of the proposed change until authority therefor has been received by you from the Bureau.

Salaries and Wages,

Mint at San Francisco, Calif., 1927,

Apportionments	
Quarters	Amounts
1st	$66,000.
2nd	64,000.
3rd	62,400.
4th	60,000.
Reserve	3,600.
Total	256,000.

Promptly after the close of each quarter you will report to the Bureau the amount of actual savings made during the quarter as the result of not filling vacancies, of lapses, etc.; these reports will form

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the basis of the reports which the Bureau must submit to the Treasury Budget Officer. Each quarterly report should show:

1 - The total amount lapsed (or saved) during such quarter by reason of vacancies remaining unfilled from prior quarters.

2 - Detailed amounts saved by reason of vacancies occuring during the quarter for which the report is made, giving name of position, name of former incumbent, rate of pay, period during which vacancy continued, and amount saved during the quarter, for each position involved, with total for the quarter.

3 - New positions filled and old positions refilled (if any), each specifically designated, giving name of position, name of appointee, rate of pay, and date employment began.

Please take steps to insure that the reports are not overlooked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The annual report of the Coining Department on form 901 shows total silver operated upon 10,437,746.29 ounces.

On schedule accompanying the bookkeeper's portion of the Director's report, forwarded with your letter of July 3, 1926, the ingots operated upon are stated as 9,466,154.94 ounces for silver dollars, and 578,018.87 ounces for subsidiary, total 10,-044,173.81 ounces, leaving 393,572.48 ounces unaccounted for. Further information concerning this is requested.

Please indicate, for the Director's Annual Report, your cost of distributing minor coin during the fiscal year 1926.

Please advise the Bureau whether any material changes in methods of operation, or other improvements, were made during the past fiscal year, and if so, give description of such changes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, a bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/7/7431, June 30, 1926, San Francisco to Spokane, Wn.	$ 5,000. Nickels 1,500. Cents	$124.85

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

As soon as practicable after the end of this month will you please forward a detailed schedule of outstanding unliquidated encumbrances against your 1926 Contingent Appropriation? The total thereof should check with the balance as determined by considering encumbrances set up, adjustments thereon, and liquidations, as reported to the Bureau month by month during the year.

In the mean time, it is suggested that effort be made to liquidate, this month, items now remaining unpaid.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

F-3. Acting Director of the Mint.

August 19, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Please wire Bureau in code value gold coin by denominations from Australia since July first.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

August 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 16th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Independent Paper Stock Company to purchase useless papers, documents and records described in that part of the Report (H. R. No. 1409, 69th Congress, June 8, 1926) pertaining to your institution, at the rate of 5¢ per 100 pounds.

It is understood that nine bids were invited and but one received.

The proceeds of this sale are to be turned in, as you know, to miscellaneous receipts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. S. When this sale is effected please forward to the Bureau a report, which is to be transmitted to the Chief Clerk of the Department, showing the number of pounds sold and the amount obtained.

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August 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am returning your letter of August 18th, addressed to Mr. Grant, stating that you had changed the titles of the following employees from Weighers to Junior Assayers:

E. M. Brooks,
E. R. Ludden,
Warren H. Taylor,
Edward J. Murphy.

The Bureau would make copies and forward them to the Secretary's Office if the letter were in proper form, but as you state that you have already made the changes, we would be unable to forward your letter for approval.

Will you kindly have the usual form of letter recommending these changes written in triplicate and the letter will be forwarded to the Secretary's Office for approval?

No change in the titles of these men can be effected until after your letter has been received and the recommendation approved by the Secretary and the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am returning your letter of August 18th which was forwarded to the Bureau inadvertently, as it already has the approval of the Director of the Mint attached.

Respectfully,

N. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The application of Mr. Selig for 20 days sick leave reached the Bureau subsequent to the writing of the inclosed letter, which has been returned approved.

You will note from this letter that the sick leave was recommended for approval, and that the application for 30 days without pay was not considered.

It is now understood that Mr. Selig has had 30 days annual leave and 30 days sick leave, up to and including August 12th, and that his application for retirement dates from August 13th.

If the 30 days leave without pay had been approved, his extension of leave without pay would have been confined to that 30 days. As it is now, he can be carried on a non-pay status without any further formality until he is retired, when he will be paid from the retirement fund from the date of the expiration of his sick leave.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 19th, you are authorized to forward to the United States Assay Office at New York 274.40 ounces of Platinum Sponge to be disposed of by the New York Assay Office at its convenience, due credit to be given to your Institution on the sale of the same.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of July 1926.

Voucher No. 560 is returned for correction. The "quantity" should evidently be "8" instead of "5" as indicated on the voucher. The purchase order and bids show the former amount as correct.

In regard to the numbering of the vouchers attention is invited to the fact that a new series of numbers should have been started, and all disbursement vouchers pertaining to the Regular Account, regardless of the name or year of appropriation, should have been numbered consecutively as they were passed for payment. Bureau letter dated September 15, 1925, and also letter dated July 20 were in regard to this matter. The intent of the instructions is that begining each new fiscal year a new series should be inaugurated, starting with "1" and continuing in sequence as the vouchers are paid. Please consider the two Public Money's appropriation vouchers and the payroll paid in July as vouchers

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Nos. 1 to 3, and begin with No. 4 in August, following the scheme prescribed by the Comptroller General.

It is requested that in the future each payroll be totaled and stated in one total instead of two on the Schedule of Disbursements; only one appropriation is involved and the entire roll constitutes a single voucher. It is noted that no check numbers were indicated on schedule of disbursements, covering payroll disbursements (reimbursements to the bullion fund for cash advanced).

The balance in lower left-hand corner of the Special Deposit account current has been corrected in this office to $10,137.83 instead of $10,413.53.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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P.

August 25, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/7/8000, July 26, 1926, San Francisco to Los Angeles	$10,000.	nickels	$62.82
J/7/8001, July 24, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.	2,000.	cents	69.20

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Treasurer of the United States stating that he will require the following coinage from your Mint for the remainder of the calendar year regardless of the balances you now have on hand:

Quarters - - - - - - - - -	$350,000.
Dimes - - - - - - - - - -	400,000.
Nickels - - - - - - - - -	200,000.
Cents - - - - - - - - - -	175,000.

It may be physically impossible for you to coin this exact amount. Please make the necessary preparations, however, to undertake to accomplish this coinage as nearly as possible.

Should you be in need of dies, please wire upon receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, in amount 73¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of July 1926. The rate 4 7/8¢ per $1,000.00 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

August 30, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Surfaw mix oriole quarters dimes nickels cents additional present stock.

Dollars Indian coin subsidiary and minors.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

August 30, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Philadelphia forwarding obverse reverse quarter dime dies.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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August 31, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Quarter dime minor dies being sent. You are not to coin half dollars.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint, 1927.

September 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	$23,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	5,000.
	28,000.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

September 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to report for the fiscal year 1926 of your Assay Department concerning assays made, and particularly to the items "Special Assays", 1,272 samples, and "Bullion Sample Assays", 35 samples. Further information is requested concerning these items since these terms are almost equally general, as regards mint operations, with the term "Miscellaneous"; it is therefore requested that more descriptive terms be used. The term "Special assays" is used throughout the Mint Service to indicate special assays of bullion and ores made for the public, on which charges are imposed. It is requested that information concerning such assays be separately given in order that it may be tabulated consistently with the other institutions, and that such procedure be followed in the future.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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September 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

On August 23rd this Bureau authorized the sale of your accumulation of useless papers and documents to the Independent Paper Stock Company, and requested you to report to this Bureau the number of pounds sold and the amount obtained. No reply appears to have been received to this letter. Please forward it as soon as possible, as this report must be sent to the Chief Clerk for transmission to Congress.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a notice of settlement from the General Accounting Office, of a bill of the Williams Steamship Company, Inc., amount $4.66, covering freight charges on stationey from Washington, D. C. to San Francisco, Cal., May 14, 1926, by bill of lading No. 671085. The amount of 50¢ has been disallowed by the General Accounting Office, leaving the total amount paid as $4.16 instead of $4.66 as claimed. The bill in question was forwarded to the General Accounting Office July 23, 1926, as per Bureau letter of same date, payable from your 1926 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

September 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

J/S/8497, July 26, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash. $5,000. nickels $ 58.82
J/S/8498, August 7, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash. 3,000. cents 103.85

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In conformity with your recommendation in letter of September 10, 1926, concurrence is authorized in the awarding of contracts for the oils mentioned in your letter, at the prices therein shown, for the period from October 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, through Quartermaster Section of the War Department in connection with the Co-ordinator of the Budget. Your statement that this method of contracting shows a substantial saving is noted. The abstract of proposals which accompanied your letter is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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September 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 15th, you are authorized to purchase 150 Number 100 Crucibles from the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company at a total cost of $1,485.00, this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

September 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of your assayer dated September 18th, forwarded by you under the same date, in reply to the Bureau's inquiry of September 11th concerning the reporting of work done by the Assay Department.

With reference to the item of 35 samples upon which 358 assays and 11 reports were made, please advise if these are the items upon which you collected $124.00 during the past fiscal year as charges for special assays of bullion and ores. If not, please advise as to which of the items in the annual report include the remaining assays upon which such charges were made, giving number of samples, assays, and reports pertaining thereto.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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September 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

While over in Philadelphia the other day I took up the matter of the corroding of knife edges on your automatic weighing machine. They have had a little trouble of this kind in Philadelphia, but not lately.

The man who makes these machines claims that plating the knife edges would make them work much slower and they would not be so accurate.

At one time they used calcium chloride inside the weighing machine case, and that stopped the corroding. I am inclosing a pencil sketch showing the method. The calcium chloride was put in a funnel, and the funnel was placed in a glass to catch the drip.

I also asked the Master Mechanic at Philadelphia to send you a blue print of the cutters they use on the blank punches. They are using six punches with a cutter on each, and they have no trouble.

Two men can easily take care of the back end of six cutters.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, September 25, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Please start coining double eagles at once delivery twenty-five thousand pieces per day beginning not later than October fifth. Let up on quarters. Keep up balance dimes nickels cents best you can.

Grant
Director.

RJB

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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September 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of August.

The absence report for the month of August shows N. Selig, as absent without pay for ten days whereas the payroll for August 1-16 indicates fifteen days without pay, and on August 30th he was paid for sick leave to include August 12th.

It is requested that in the future the contract numbers be placed on the reverse of the contract vouchers under that section known as "Form of Agreement" directly opposite the "A", instead of in the upper right hand face corner of the vouchers. The old practice of denoting form of agreement and method of advertising on the face of the

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contract vouchers may be discontinued and only the method noted above be used. The pertinent contract numbers have been noted on the reverse of August vouchers numbers 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15.

Respectfully,

A. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

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September 28, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, 29¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of August, 1926. The rate 4 7/8¢ per $1,000.00, is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau has today received bill, in amount of $3.10, of the Post Office Department covering drayage on three different dates in the month of June, apparently for your institution. The bill is being forwarded to you with suggestion that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you if the services are properly chargeable against your appropriation.

Notice was received today of your having repaid into the Treasury the unexpended balance under your 1926 Contingent Appropriation. In order that you may pay the enclosed bill of $3.10 that amount will be advanced you at the time the regular advance is made from the 1927 appropriation for the month of October.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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September 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Secretary's Office has notified this Bureau that Mr. Edward F. Gartland, who has been transferred from the position of roller to that of watchman since an extension was granted to continue his employment under the Retirement Act, will now not need to have an extension at this time, since he is carried as a watchman. No action need be taken by you to continue Mr. Gartland in the service after December 20, 1926, which is the date of the expiration of the extension period.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	$22,000.
Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1927	5,000.
Contingent expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1926	3.10
	27,003.10

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

October 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/8/9107, August 25, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash. $2,000. cents		$69.20
J/8/9106, August 20, 1926, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash. 1,500. cents		58.75

Respectfully,

M. N. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Pm

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, October 2, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Although dies Oregon Trail forwarded you in case orders are received notify Bureau before executing same and await instructions.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

2—6738

October 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of September 27th enclosing the assayer's letter of the same date concerning special assays of bullion and ores made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1926.

Some years ago the Bureau requested the various offices of the Mint Service to use a uniform method of counting samples, assays, and reports, on assay work, in order that reports of various institutions might be on a comparable basis. It was requested that the term "report" be used to indicate each definite finding of the assayer. For example, on a single melt there would be but one "report" regardless of whether one or ten samples were used, or whether three or one hundred assays were made on the samples taken from that melt. It was also stated that if a sheet of paper contained several different findings, it should not be counted as but one report; in other words, each single report was intended to be the assayer's statement of proportion of each kind of metal contained in a melt, bar, or specimen assayed.

On the above basis it does not seem possible that there could have been collected $124.00 during the past fiscal year on only eleven reports.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT.

Washington, October 14, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Equitable Trust Company through San Francisco correspondent will request coinage one hundred thousand Oregon coins. Accept order with understanding reached between you and San Francisco bank that money is immediately available for payment of same upon completion coinage. Philadelphia sending two more pairs dies.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5738 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

October 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, covering freight charges on six medium dime collars, Sept. 3, 1926, $1.21; 16 obverse nickel dies, 20 obverse and 15 reverse one cent dies, Sept. 3, 1926, $5.72 and 10 obverse and 5 reverse quarter dollar dies and 10 obverse and 10 reverse dime dies, Sept. 1, 1926, $4.49, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation. All the above shipments were from Philadelphia to San Francisco; the total amount of the bill being $11.42.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
October 14, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Authorized accept Weeks Howe Emerson Company's bid coin bags.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
2—5733 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2138.

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October 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/9/9629, September 1, 1926, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.	$2,000. nickels		
	1,000. cents		$ 65.54
J/9/9650, September 11, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.	3,000. cents		103.85
J/9/9651, September 1, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.	3,000. nickels		35.29

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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October 16, 1926.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 9.60 ounces certificate bar samples representing Mint fine gold, melts 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 and 30, forwarded together with your letter of October 11, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

G.

October 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 8.00 ounces of certificate bar samples representing fine gold mass melts Nos. 18, 23, 28, 33 and 38, forwarded with your letter of October 12, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In conformity with first paragraph on second page of your letter of October 13, 1926, concerning method of counting samples, assays, reports, etc., pertaining to the work of the Assay Department, I am quoting below the third paragraph and part of the fourth paragraph of Bureau letter dated June 24, 1918, addressed to your institution in connection with request for annual report data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1918:

> "It is desired that the statistical data furnished for each subject be, so far as practicable, uniform for each institution, and I am therefore enclosing blanks in some instances and referring specifically to parts of the annual report for the year 1917 with request that your data for 1918 be prepared to accord therewith, so far as pertinent.
>
> "Blanks illustrative of what is desired are enclosed for -
>
> Bars manufactured. Fineness of coinage ingots, etc.
> Refinery operations. Coinage ingot melts made.
> Assay Dept. operations. Sweeps cellar operations."

I am unable to forward a copy of the illustrative blank concerning Assay Department operations, as the copies of such blanks were evidently all used. However, you will probably find a copy of this blank in your files with the letter forwarding same.

As regards the last paragraph of your letter of October 13, 1926, it is suggested that mere notification by the Assay Department to the Melt-

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ing and Refining Department of the finenesses of the bullion deposits would not be counted under the term "reports", as here used. Such notification would not constitute a "finding of fineness" or a "determination of metal contents". The assayer's determination of metal fineness of a melt should be counted as one "report", which report may be notified to one, two, or several interested parties; but it will be counted as one "report" for the purpose here under consideration. In arriving at that "report" he may have used one or many "samples", and may have made two or many "assays" on the individual melt.

As regards the special bullion assays during the past fiscal year, it is presumed that each sample called for a separate finding or "report", which would give 35 "reports" for the year. Form No. 518 is used for special bullion assays; a copy thereof is enclosed and a supply is being forwarded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-3.
Encl.

October 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh and McLennan, 76¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of September, 1926. The rate 4 7/8¢ per $1,000. is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. W. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, October 23, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Oregon Trail dies shipped to you October twenty-first.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION 500
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
9-5739

October 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $35.72, covering freight charges on one box of Platinum sponge, San Francisco to New York, August 31, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reed,
Acting Director of the Mint.

P.
E.

October 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of September, 1926.

It is suggested that in future form 193 be not prepared for recoinage metals. The prime purpose of the form appears to be for determining seigniorage, none of which accrues on recoinage metals.

It is noted that $25.00, express charge was paid on an incoming deposit made by the Flume Dredge Co., Fairbanks, Alaska, deduction of which was made at the time of payment, by check, per deposit certificate No. 1345. It is requested that depositor's letter of transmittal be forwarded to additionally support the payment, and that in all future similar cases such letters be forwarded with the deposit certificates.

Name of payee on Vo. No. 58, Yates and Co., has been changed in the Bureau to Yates & Co. Inc. to agree with rubber stamp impression in the signature certificate and on the proposal. The name of the payee in heading of voucher and in certificate should always agree.

The proposal of Lippold and Wagner supporting Vo. 79, is herewith returned for correction. The voucher indicates payment for 18 glass beakers at 19¢ each, total $3.42 and

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the purchase order reads the same. The enclosed proposal although showing the same number and the same unit price gives the total cost as $2.85; is the total bid price or the unit price wrong on the proposal?

Your payroll for the month of September carries in the "Remarks" column what appears to be receipts for cash payments to such employees as received mid-month payments; these are in addition to the regular receipts in the proper column for the full month's pay. Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 4, 1926, with request that form 941 (copy enclosed) be used for taking receipts on mid-month cash payments, said receipts to be returned to employees when they give receipts in full on final payroll. When receipt in full does not appear on final roll, the roll to be accompanied and supported by individual receipt on form 941 for any cash payment. Future payrolls should be approved for gross amount instead of for only the amount paid to the employees, since the retirement deductions are also disbursed by you.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

October 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/9/10044 9/22/26 S. F. to Los Angeles $10,000 cents $237.50

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

October 30, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $1.82. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

November 1, 1926.

Supsrintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages,	$21,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	5,000.00
	26,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant.
Director of the Mint.

P.

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November 5, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 27th in regard to the sale of an electric power plant and other unnecessary apparatus in your building, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to get in touch with the Coordinator and ask him if he can place any of this machinery. If you are unable to get the Coordinator, take the matter up with the different Departments of the Government in your city and see if they can use any of the material. It is necessary to do this in order to keep our records straight and before giving authority to sell this material, it will be necessary for me to have your letter showing that the Government cannot use the material in question.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

P. S. Colonel Thomas J. Powers, U. S. Army, Area Coordinator, Room 433, Custom House, San Francisco.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, November 6, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Purchase lumber Kiggins Lumber Company one hundred seven fifty approved.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

November 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find sample copies of form 700 (two sizes) "Sweeps reported for delivery to Superintendent", also form 559 "Cashier's daily counter statement", which accompanied your recent requisition for printing. These forms were discontinued some years ago and it is suggested that any available paper may be used in lieu thereof.

As regards your requisition for 4,000 unprinted linen tags (sample returned herewith), attention is invited to correspondence of somewhat recent date, the result of which was the adoption of several tags which were agreed upon as sufficient to meet the service requirements. Unprinted linen tags were not included.

As regards your requisition for manila tags, for attaching to each bag of double eagles (sample tag returned herewith), further information is desired. The Philadelphia Mint is marking their bags to indicate contents, and they have not used tags on bags of gold coin for several years. If your bags are not marked and tags are desired to indicate the contents of the bags, please advise the Bureau, indicating the size of tag considered most convenient, as well as the information desired thereon; apparently the weight is superfluous.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

November 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your Cashier's Daily Statement for October 27th shows receipt from the Coining Department of $10,000.00 in halves, presumably Oregon Trail coins. This statement does not show issue of these coins nor are they separately indicated in the detail of closing balances at foot of form. Apparently they are contained in the item of Federal Reserve paper currency. These special design half dollars should have been stated in the analysis of cash balance in the second section of Cashier's Daily Statement form as a separate item under the heading "Silver coin". The Cashier's Daily Statement for the following day shows advance cash payment on bullion deposits of $10,000.00. Presumably this item represents issue of the Oregon Trail halves delivered by the Coining Department on the previous day; if so, that fact should have been indicated, and the item shown under the heading "Issues on Treasurer's orders", unless you received cash for the coins, in which case that fact should appear on the statement and the amount collected should have been shown on left-hand side thereof. On the Cashier's Daily Statement of November 3rd appears an item of Oregon Trail halves received from the Coining Department of $40,000.00 plus required quantity of annual assay coins, and on the opposite side of the statement appears $40,000.00 as cash advance payment on bullion deposits. Presumably the latter again is Oregon Trail halves which should have been treated as explained in the preceding paragraph.

Please advise the Bureau whether these coins are being issued as transfers and are being so reported to the Treasurer of the United States, or whether you are receiving cash to the value of the coins issued.

It is also requested that in the future the closing balances reported in the first section of the Cashier's Daily Statement be segregated as to coin and paper currency to conform with the printed lines and with the analysis given under the second section of the Cashier's Daily Statement form, wherein the total paper currency is not included as part of the total coin.

Respectfully,

M. W. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

E-S.

November 9, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif:

Sir:

Your letter of November 3rd concerning the receipt of wrong payroll forms, and form 12 in only one color, is received today and being referred to the Division of Printing for shipment of the proper forms. Form 12 should be in five colors as heretofore.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.

November 12, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find copies of compensation schedules covering rates being paid at your institution which are not contained in "Government Salary Tables, 1926".

These tables may differ in slight degree with tables prepared in your office, due to method of handling the adjustments on fractional parts of 1¢ where the per diem or per annum rates are not exactly divisible.

Copies of the enclosed tables are being forwarded to the General Accounting Office, and it is requested that the enclosures be used in preparing your rolls.

If any errors are found in the enclosed tables, please advise the Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

November 16, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of October, 1926.

Schedule of special assay collections with duplicate copies of receipts issued covering the miscellaneous receipt item of $24.00 should be forwarded to the Bureau to accompany the regular account current to the General Accounting Office; they were not found with the other papers received.

On form 193 - silver coinage bullion, the average cost per fine ounce, $.65805802, has been inserted in this office.

Please forward original of depositor's transmittal letter forwarding deposit No. 1733 made by Heath & Kearns, to support (in addition to express company's receipt) the payment of incoming express charges.

It is requested that on future bullion abstract sheets the heading be made to read "----- for the month of ---?--", instead of "----- for the quarter ended ---?---".

Information is requested as to the prospects for liquidating the amounts due depositors on deposits Nos. 2239 and 3138 of October and December 1925.

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Vo. No. 100, Ashton Valve Company, is herewith returned for your information and correction. The purchase order and proposal call for 400 recording gage charts, whereas the voucher is in payment for one box of such articles with nothing thereon to indicate the quantity which said box contained.

Proposal of Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., pertaining to voucher No. 124, for $5.70, carries notation "less 2% - 10 days". According to the voucher the date of delivery was September 18, while payment was not made until October 11; information is requested as to the reason for not expediting payment and taking benefit of the discount offered.

Vos. 126 and 129, payable to the Post Office Department, are not rendered in duplicate. As advised previously, vouchers for payments from one disbursing officer to another in the government service, are required by the General Accounting Office in duplicate; kindly forward the extra necessary copies.

It is noted from the cashier's daily statements that the appropriation checking account was not charged with the mid-month payroll disbursements until the end of the month. Mid-month payroll check should be issued promptly in order that the disbursements to employees be not carried as assets of the bullion fund.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

November 20, 1926.

Justinian Caire Co.,
573 Market Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sirs:

This office is in receipt of bill of the Southern Pacific Company, covering two shipments of bone ash by you from San Francisco, Cal., to the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., on government bills of lading Nos. 599539 and 599659, dated August 10th and 21st, respectfively.

The Assayer in Charge of the mint at Carson City advises this office that the first shipment was not satisfactory and that your company had been notified that the material was too coarse and could not be used; also that it was awaiting your disposal. Subsequently the Assayer in Charge was advised by your company that you had sent, through the quartermaster supply officer at Fort Mason, a new supply to replace the first shipment.

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In view of the above, it is requested that the amount of freight charges on the second shipment, 57¢, be forwarded by you to the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev., for deposit into the Treasury of the U. S. as reimbursement for the extra expenses payable by the Government to the carrier.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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R.

November 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $17.03, covering freight charges on collars and dies from Philadelphia to San Francisco on the following dates, September 25, October 2, and October 7, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to the statement in your letter of the 17th that the Comptroller General had advised The American Telephone and Telegraph Company that they may render their bills for service from the 21st of one month to the 20th of the next month, as per their general practice with the public, it is suggested that no attempt be made to divide the bill covering the end of June between the appropriations of each of two fiscal years, and that such bills be charged to the appropriation of the year in which the greater portion of the service was rendered - in other words, that the bill from June 21st to July 20, 1927, be charged to the fiscal year 1928 - and that this be considered standard practice for other similar cases, unless subsequent contrary directions are given.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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November 22, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 17th, you are authorized to purchase from C. Solomon Jr. 20,000 #4 Seals for coin bags for $150.00, this being the lowest of the bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of November 17th recommending acceptance of the bid of the Selby Plant of the American Smelting and Refining Co. for purchase of sweeps described in your invitation of November 9th.

Rough calculation gives the following values for the two lots:

Metal	Sweeps	Copper cement	
Gold	$3,300	$ 800	
Silver	440	140	
Platinum	140	1,650	
Copper	- - -	550	
Totals	3,880	3,120	- $7,000

It is noted that the bid of the Selby Plant is $4,702.76, the exact amount at which the mint values the gold and silver contents of the lots in question, and only about 2/3 the value of the metals therein. It also appears from the papers accompanying your letter that the mint values were noted on the communication accompanying the invitations for bids. In view of these facts and of the material difference between the metallic values contained in

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the sweeps and the submitted bid, it is requested that all bids be rejected, and that new invitations be submitted to both the Selby and Salt Lake Plants of the American Smelting and Refining Co., also to the Salt Lake plants of the United States Smelting, Refining, and Mining Co., and the International Smelting Co. The mint values should not be given in these invitations to bid, but the invitations should call for alternative treatment-basis bids if the bidders are unwilling to submit net-amount bids. If treatment-basis bids are submitted information should be obtained as to the freight rates applicable between San Francisco and the plants of the Salt Lake bidders.

Your letter carries no indication of the division of the mint to which the sweeps and copper cement bars pertain. It is necessary for accounting purposes that separate returns be had on sweeps pertaining to the Melting and Refining Department, to the Coining Department, and to the Deposits Division.

When the new bids are received, kindly submit the originals or copies thereof, with all other pertinent information for intelligent consideration thereof, to this office with your recommendation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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November 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $2.92, covering freight charges on Oregon Trail half-dollar dies, October 20, 1926, Philadelphia to San Francisco, $1.33, and one box containing piston springs, agates for new stirrup bearings, contact shoes and grippers, Philadelphia to San Francisco, $1.59, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation. The latter shipment was also made October 20, 1926.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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F.

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November 24, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, 10¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of October, 1926. The rate 4 7/8 cents per $1000. is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

November 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/10/10963	10/23/26	S. F.	to Spokane, Wash.	$3000. 4000.	nickels cents	$75.43
J/10/10967	10/19/26	do	do Los Angeles	10000	do	237.50
J/10/10968	10/12/26	do	do Spokane	1000	do	37.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.
F.

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November 26, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I want to thank you for the interest you have taken in recommending a man for the New Orleans Mint. I find, however, on looking over the available candidates, that a younger man from Denver will suit our purposes better than any of the others, and I hope you may be able to retain Mr. Taylor in his present position, as we are anxious to keep our assay force intact.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 27, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 22nd in regard to the case of Mr. Russell J. Nunn, the records of this Department do not indicate than an application for Mr. Nunn's transfer has ever been received here. Since Mr. Nunn has already entered upon his duties in the Los Angeles Post Office, it will now be necessary, in order to clear the records, to have Mr. Nunn forward his resignation to you, to be transmitted here, the resignation to take effect at the close of business on the last day on which Mr. Nunn was in a pay status at the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington, November 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized accept proposal Vesuvius Crucible Company on graphite goods.

Grant Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122
2—5725

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November 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your letter of November 24th, you are authorized to recall from furlough one of your former employees to take the place of Mr. Leinbach, helper, whose resignation has reached the Bureau today.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages,	$21,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	4,000.00
	25,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.

F.

December 6, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 11.20 ounces certificate bar samples representing mint fine gold melts Numbers 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and 65, forwarded by you December 1, 1926.

Respectfully,

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R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, December 7, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco- California

Recall of Charles S. Campbell approved.

Grant
Director.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.
2—6738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3128

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December 7, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your recommendation I am returning herewith, approved, the application of Mr. Sherman for extension of leave without pay for thirty-five days.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

December 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 8.00 ounces certificate bar samples, representing fine gold mass melts #44, 49, 54, 59 and 64.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 3rd relative to the purchase of three flags, please be advised that this item must be purchased from the General Supply Schedule.

This Bureau has requested the General Supply Committee to issue a purchase order for three flags and have same shipped by the contractor directly to you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 11, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I have your letter of December 6th, inclosing the formal resignation of Mr. Russell J. Munn who has secured a position in the Post Office Department at Los Angeles. This formal resignation will clear the files of this Bureau, and there is no need of further action in this case.

I would, however, appreciate it if you would forward to the Bureau a copy of your letter of September 20th requesting the transfer. This is asked for merely for the purpose of having our records in order in case any question comes up. There appears to be no copy of this letter on file in this Bureau or in the Division of Appointments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RR

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December 13, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Replying to your letters of November 23rd in regard to new vaults in your Mint, I shall endeavor to get in touch with Senator Shortridge directly after the holidays and see what can be done in the matter. In the mean time it might be well for you to get the local representative of the Supervising Architect's Office to make some preliminary estimates. This matter would have to originate in the Supervising Architect's Office, and for that reason preliminary estimates are necessary.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Under separate cover is being forwarded 350 copies of form 42-B, "Memorandum Report on Bullion Deposited". This is in response to your letter of December 7th stating that supply of form 42-A will last you but two weeks. It is noted in this connection that your requisition of October 14, 1926, stated that you had on hand 3,000 of the forms in question.

It will be necessary for you to insert the name of your institution on the forms being forwarded. The Government Printing Office expects to make a delivery on your requisition of October 14th sometime this month.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 9th relative to the sale of electric power plant and other apparatus, part of which U. S. Veterans Hospital #24 wishes to use, you are advised that your letter and inclosure have been referred to the Chief Coordinator through the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

Please await advice from your Area Coordinator before taking any further action in this matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Night message

December 15, 1925.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Authprized to make payment salaries wages due twenty-second in multiples of five dollars if desired.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

O.R.

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December 18, 1926.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please forward immediately copies all correspondence relative Lena Noonan former employee. She claims to have been permanently injured by metal poisoning while employed in Mint. Give what facts you can.

GRANT
Director.

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December 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

One copy of final sheet of your Bullion Account Current for the month of November is enclosed herewith for amendment as per pencil notations, and return. On the receipt side of the "cash" account, the value of minor metal in new coin is erroneously included on the line with recoinage silver. Under the heading of enclosures, on reverse of the form, no mention is made of bullion abstract sheets and vouchers.

On the receipt side of the "minor coinage metal, nickel" account, amendment has been made in this office to show that the three pounds of the mutilated coin received as metal, should have been shown on the last printed line.

Herewith returned please find two certificates of bullion assay carried on form 221, certificate of ore assay. These are superfluous, as the collections are properly supported by special assay slip, form 518.

It is requested that in the future, revenues be deposited in the Treasury monthly instead of being retained and deposited quarterly.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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December 18, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, payable from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/11/11510, Oct. 26, 1926, San Francisco to Seattle $3,000. cents $103.85

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 18, 1926.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of December 11, 1926, referring to your letter of November 5, 1926, in regard to the sale of the electric power plant and other apparatus, has been referred to the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department and that officer will communicate with the Chief Coordinator in regard to disposing of the surplus equipment.

Please await instructions from your Area Coordinator before taking action.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 20, 1926.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 15, 1926, relative to seeps from the melting and refining Department. You are authorized to accept the bid of the American Smelting & Refining Company amounting to $4,702.76, this being the alternative treatment-basis bid.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Enclosures returned
to be attached to a/cs.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington,

December 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Your gold and silver receipts during calendar year nineteen twenty six with December estimated has not arrived please expedite.

Grant,
Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Mint Bureau, 1927.
(The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.)
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128
2—6755 Government Printing Office

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,

December 24, 1926.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Discontinue coining quarters. Resume coining double eagles soon as practicable.

Grant
Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------

2—3120 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, December 28, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Browning reinstatement approved. Submit recommendation by mail in usual form.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2158

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, December 31, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Barry reinstatement approved. Submit recommendation by mail in usual form.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Appropriation for
The appropriation from which charge is to be dated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2198

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$21,000.00
Contingent Expenses	4,500.00
	25,500.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 3, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by March and McLennan, 86¢, for insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of November, 1926. The rate 4½¢ per $1000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 3, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from your current contingent appropriation, bill in favor of Annin & Co., for 3 flags, $17.85, less 2% discount 36¢, net $17.49.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 4, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Authorized accept Ames-Harris-Neville proposal coin sacks. Letter follows.

Grant
Director.
R.J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....

2—5758 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2138

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 29th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Ames-Harris Neville Company to furnish your Mint with 5,000 gold coin sacks No. 2 at a total cost of $231.25, this being the lowest of four bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of December 30th, please be advised that form 974a will be delivered January 13th by the Government Printing Office and same will be forwarded to you at once.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage metal fund profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/11/11981, 11-15-26, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash $2,000. nickels
1,000. cents $52.77

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of January 3rd stating that your December accounts will be somewhat delayed on account of receipt during the last three days of December of 546 deposits of China bars.

The accounts should not be delayed beyond the twenty days allowed for rendition. If melting of these bars and determining their value is liable to cause delay beyond January 20th, the items should be left off the December bullion abstract, left off the December accounts, and put in the January accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.

January 10, 1925.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of January 5 asking authority to purchase a City Directory. I understand that it has been the practice for many years for the mints to purchase City Directory. However, a recent account for a Directory was held up by the General Accounting Office, on the ground that the Telephone Directories are quite as useful, and obtained free of charge. Will you be specially inconvenienced if you do not subscribe for a City Directory?

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.
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January 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the AmericanRailway Express Company, $3.65, covering freight charges on double eagle dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, November 27, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In conformity with your recommendation of January 7, 1927, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Joseph Dixon Crucible Co., dated January 3, 1927, to furnish your institution with No. 100 crucibles at $10.00 each, less 1% for cash.

Your recommendation and this authorization are based upon results of comparative tests on crucibles of the Dixon Company and of the Vesuvius Crucible Co., the latter Company having submitted a proposal to furnish crucibles at a price lower by 5% than that of the Dixon Company. The test, however, indicated approximately 75% greater service from the higher-priced crucibles, making them the more economical purchase. It is noted that the Chicago Crucible Co. was also invited to submit proposals, but made no reply to the invitation.

Returned herewith please find all papers which accompanied your letter of January 7th. These, with copy of your acceptance, should be filed with the voucher in payment for the crucibles, unless more than one voucher is necessary, in which case the papers constituting the informal contract should be numbered in the contract series and separately filed. The letter of the Superintendent of your Melting and Refining Department should accompany the proposals and acceptance.

Respectfully,

R. W. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.
Encl.

OR

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January 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/12/12268, 11-20-26, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Cal.	$10,000.	cents	$237.50
J/12/12266, 12-1-26, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Cal.	15,000.	nickels	
	5,000.	cents	242.98
J/12/12538, 12-3-26, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.	3,000.	cents	103.85

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

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January 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Will you kindly request Mr. J. F. Byrnes to forward to this office the duplicates of transportation requests used by him in connection with his trip to the New York Assay Office, on annual settlement?

Duplicate of the request used for obtaining round-trip ticket from the Southern Pacific Company is particularly needed at this time.

The instructions which accompanied the transportation requests called for promptly forwarding of duplicates to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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January 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.79, covering freight charges on quarter dollar dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, December 8, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

R. F.

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January 20, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

J/12/12769 12/16/26 S. F. to Los Angeles $10,000. cents $237.50

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 54¢, covering insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of December, 1926. The rate 4½ cents per $1000. is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computations should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

January 22, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Responding to your request of January 18, 1927, authority is hereby granted to accept the proposal of ~~Mrs~~ A. C. HULL, amounting to $61.80, the lower bidder, to re-upholster six chairs.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have your letter of December 15, 1926, relative to sweeps from the Melting and Refining Department. You are authorized to accept the bid of the American Smelting and Refining Co. amounting to $4,702.76, this being the amount offered for the sweeps on a flat-bid-basis, and approximately the same, so near as it is practicable to determine, as would be the net returns from an alternative bid of the same Company, submitted on a treatment-basis.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

January 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing an amended letter dated December 20, 1926, which it is requested be substituted for letter of that date on the same subject, namely, sale of Melting and Refining Department sweeps. Copy of the amended letter is being substituted as a support to the sweeps-sale vouchers.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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January 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of December.

Form 1027, "Gold bars exchanged for gold coin, etc." is herewith returned for the inclusion thereon of the amount of the bar charges collected, $37.27, December 11, on $62,120.39 transferred against gold assets deposited in Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco. Form 1027 is really a schedule of charges collected on bars issued for cash collected or deposited with the Reserve Bank. The printed heading on this form will be revised when reprinted.

Two separate editions of the regular account current form were used in preparation of the December original and duplicate, necessitating change in this office of miscellaneous receipt account designations on the carbon copy. In the future, kindly use for both original and duplicate copies the same edition of the form.

Collections from special assays should be scheduled and totaled, either on our own form or on Standard form 1026.

Attention is invited to the right-hand side of the "Bullion Fund Depositary Account" on the bullion account

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current. Please note the indentation of the various items; each indentation marks a subdivision of the principal head which precedes. Reference to your December account current will show entries indicating check payments for bullion, to the Treasury as revenue, for charges on deposits, $9,708.55, and for mutilated coin surplus, $1.56. The practice of the San Francisco Mint is to make payment from the "Cash" account at the close of each month for the items just mentioned. The cash then belongs to the regular account, and when checks are issued for depositing the amounts into the Treasury, the transaction is an issue of bullion fund check to the regular account in exchange for cash, and should be stated following the last printed line in the bullion fund depositary account on the bullion account current, instead of as payment for bullion. This is for your future guidance.

Attention is invited to Vo. 191, Mrs Margaret Cullom, wherein the first item reads sewing canvas sleeves, 154 pr. at 1½¢ each, $23.10; correct computation gives a total of $2.31 instead of $23.10; voucher is enclosed for necessary correction. This service appears to be a continuing one for which an informal contract, on a competitive basis, should have been made the first of this fiscal year. However, the Bureau understands that the prices being paid for the services are low, and if you desire to continue present arrangements pending action by the General Accounting Office on some of the vouchers of the current year, no objection will be made by the Bureau.

Contingent vouchers Nos. 208 and 210, and special deposit voucher No. 35 are in payment for flax and seine twine purchased locally at prices of 33½¢, 36½¢ and 44½¢ per lb., with 2% cash discount. Reference to the General Schedule of Supplies, "Awards for definite and additionsl quantity supplies" for the second quarter, fiscal year 1927, shows that seine twine, items 3512 and 3516, could be purchased in Philadelphia for $.374 per lb. and flax twine, items 3544 and 3548, for 25¢ per lb. The difference in prices seems sufficient to give savings, after considering freight costs, on the quantity purchased, 193 lbs.

San Francisco, -3-/

On the December payroll C. S. Campbell is credited with 22 days as helper at $5.37 per day, $118.44; correct computation gives $118.14; apparently an overpayment of 30¢.

Statement of "Gold and Silver Warrants unpaid November 30, 1926 and paid during month of December 1926" has been corrected in the Bureau by eliminating October 1925 warrant No. 2239, $1075.14 and adding December 1925 warrant No. 3138, $1002.57, with corresponding change of totals.

Memorandum of bullion received accompanying deposit certificates Nos. 2649 and 2724 are herewith returned for signature of the representative of the Superintendent.

Care should be taken to insure that the amounts on the express company receipts, of values delivered to them for transmittal to depositors, are correct. The amount of the shipment in gold bars on Deposit No. 2522, according to the deposit certificate is $206.59 whereas the amount noted on the express receipt is $206.78; on deposit No. 2642, the total amount of the shipment, including cash, is $465.46, whereas the express receipt indicates $463.30.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

J/12/13021, 12-18-26, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash. $3,000. nickels
1,500. cents $ 94.11

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

January 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

On December 13th, last, voucher in the amount of $64.89, payable to Edna M. Eckman, adm., was forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 salaries and wages appropriation. As this voucher was for services rendered by Dean W. Eckman, skilled workman, $6.33 per diem, from September 16-30, the amount thereof should have been included with other encumbrances set up for September and so reported to the Bureau. The records would then have shown the fact of existing unliquidated encumbrance. The reports rendered pertaining to the salaries and wages appropriation for the period ending December 31, balance as to encumbrances set up and amounts paid, indicating that no encumbrance had previously been set up for the amount in question. It is requested that this item be noted on your next appropriation transactions statement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 29, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Devlin's bond now in mail incorrectly prepared. Please return.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

January 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $2.24. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Pp F.

February 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $11.44, covering express charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, December 21 and 23, 1926, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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February 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of $21,000 from your current Salaries and Wages Appropriation, to meet the expenses during the current fiscal year.

Your request for advance of $4,500 under the Contingent Appropriation has not been approved since the amount apparently is not needed at the present time. Your encumbrances under this appropriation, for the period July to December, inclusive, are under $19,000, while during the same period $29,000 were advanced; in addition $4,500 were advanced for the month of January. Advances should be requested from time to time for only the approximate amounts needed to make current disbursements.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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February 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

There has been placed to your personal credit by C. D. No. 213, dated January 31, 1927, $25,255.23, being proceeds of sale of 248.82 ounces of platinum at $101.50 per ounce, sent by you to the New York Assay Office for sale. The amount in question should appear in your account current for the month of January as both a collection and a deposit in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S. Acting Director of the Mint.

February 4, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Kirby's retention approved. Letter mailed January thirty-first.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

February 9, 1927.

Superintendent. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 6.00 ounces Certificate Bar Samples representing Fine Gold Mass Melts #69, 74, 79 and 90, and 12.80 ounces Certificate Bar Samples representing Mint Fine Gold Melts #70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 105 forwarded together with your letter of February 3, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Q.

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February 15, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 11, 1927, you are authorized to accept the following proposals on the purchase of obsolete equipment, it being understood that the Coordinator of the ninth Area has informed you that the Electric Furnace, electric power plant and other miscellaneous items, are not needed by any Federal activity in the Ninth Area:-

R. C. Porter, for the Power Plant, ----------$1,300.

Carl A. Kay, for the Electric Furnace -------- 455.

It is understood that eleven firms were invited to bid on this equipment and that seven firms made quotations.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment bill of the American Railway Express Company from the minor coinage profits, as follows:

K/1/700 1/8/27 S. F. to Seattle $2,000 nickels $23.53

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following paragraphs pertain to your accounts for the month of January, 1927.

One copy of the regular account current is herewith returned as per your letter of February 7th, for amendment to include the $25,255.23, platinum recoveries, deposited with the Treasurer of the U. S. to your credit by the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, January 31st.

Schedule of Collections, form 1026, is also returned herewith for amendment to include the amount referred to above.

The January average price per fine ounce of silver coinage bullion, form 193, has been changed in the Bureau from $0.637,812,880 to $0.637,866,763, the average according to regular method of computation. The unit price used for silver coined appears to have been $0.637,812,815. No adjustment need be made of the few dollars difference in metal cost and seigniorage on the coinage, as this will be absorbed in later coinage, but information concerning the used unit price is desired.

Vcs. 255 and 263, payable to the City Coal Company, Inc., and California Petroleum Corporation of California, are herewith returned for correction; the names as noted in the first certificates on the vouchers do not agree with the manner in which shown at the tops of the vouchers.

Information is requested as to the reason for imposing a bar

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San Francisco, -2-/

charge on deposit No. 2980 and none on No. 2975, each of the depositors having requested returns in fine bars, in very similar language - no distinction being apparent.

"Inclosures" pertaining to the special deposit account current have been noted thereon, in this office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

February 21, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized to accept proposal Lees Sanders on sweeps understood payment made at Mint time of delivery.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

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February 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $3.52, covering freight charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, January 14, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting office, for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages $18,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter addressed to me through official channels by Mr. William J. Toner, and referred here by you.

The United States Civil Service Commission has ruled upon the retirement age for different classes of employees in the Mint Service and has decided upon 65 years as the age at which melters should be retired. We are, therefore, without authority or ability to correspond with Mr. Toner's wishes permitting him to retire at 62.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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March 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your requisition for 3,000 copies of form 506 "Abstract of Regulations Covering Receipt of Gold Bullion, etc." is at hand. Your indication of 900 copies of the form as being on hand is apparently incorrect since only 500 copies were mailed you of this revised edition. At present we have but a small number of the forms on hand, and are forwarding you under separate cover 300 copies, which it is hoped will meet your needs until an additional supply can be printed.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 8, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Referring telegram authorized purchase ten tons electrolytic copper American Smelting.

Grant
Director.

J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2124

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Purchase of five thousand number two coin bags from lowest bidder authorized.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses, Bureau of the Mint, 1927.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington, March 12, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Referring letter March seventh authorized purchase Dixon crucibles lowest bidder.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2182
2—6743 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN

Washington, March 12, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Necessary to renew application extension Knutsen at sixty-five. Forward usual papers.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2188

March 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th asking authority to buy 100 Dixon crucibles was received this morning, and as requested, wire authority was sent you. In this connection I would like to say that the Ross Tacony Crucible Co. is virtually out of business as far as making large crucibles for the Mint Service is concerned. The Chicago Crucible Co. do not even claim to make crucibles suitable for our purpose. The New York Assay Office and the Philadelphia Mint have been buying their crucibles on test bids. The companies bidding would furnish two crucibles for test purposes, and after considering price and service, the lowest bid was accepted, not necessarily the lowest price. The best crucible makers at present are the Dixon, Vesuvius and Lava. I think there is one other company that bids whose name you can get from Mr. Wagor at the New York Assay Office. The Philadelphia Mint is getting 90 bronze melts on an average out of their crucibles at the present time. The next time you are in the market for crucibles I would secure the names of the concerns making the best crucibles for our purpose, and ask them all for bids. This should be done in advance so that you would not have to get your authority by wire, and also you should buy crucibles long enough ahead to have them seasoned.

I have noticed for some time that the milling on your double eagles is very poor, and I have asked the Philadelphia Mint to send you two bronze blanks the size of a double eagle as a sample of how their blanks are upset, and perhaps you can get a better reading after examining these blanks.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: NIGHT LETTER.

Washington, March 14, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco, California

Referring letter March ninth authorized accept Dixon bid crucibles. Suggest combining this order with that authorized Saturday with object better freight rate.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—5738 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2125

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 15, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Arrange to coin silver dollars as soon as possible.

Grant
Director.
R.J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—3736 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

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March 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to that part of your letter of March 11th which asks for the approval of the purchase of a fire screen, your recommendation that the bid of Holbrook Merrill & Stetson be accepted is approved.

The item for covering the cost of finishing the floor will be a charge against the Supervising Architect, and your letter has been forwarded to that Office for attention in regard to this item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 11th, this letter will be authority for you to purchase a Remington typewriter at $91.50, the price listed in the General Supply Committee Catalogue, with the understanding that you are to turn in a Remington typewriter #RX05130 for which an allowance of $27.50 will be made on the purchase of the new machine, making the net price $64.00.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

March 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Acceptances are now being made, in the order of receipt of tenders in this office, of an inconsiderable quantity of silver at $1.00 per fine ounce, to complete necessary purchases under the Act of April 23, 1918. These acceptances are due to short delivery on tenders accepted in June, 1925, or prior thereto.

Below is a list of the concerns, with quantities, whose tenders are being accepted for delivery at your mint. The deliveries should be supported by affidavits on the same forms as used heretofore, prior to your making payments.

The acceptances are being accompanied by a request that this office be promptly advised whether deliveries will be made, in what amounts, and when. You will be later advised as to the results of these requests.

Copper Chief Mining Company - - -	540	ounces.
West End Cons'd Mining Company -	8,281	"
Presidio Mining Company - - - - -	12,932	"
Tonopah Belmont Development Co. -	16,851	"
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company - - - -	30,672	"
Tonopah Mining Company - - - - - -	9,355	"
Elkoro Mines Company - - - - - -	167	"
Rochester Silver Corporation - -	1,865	"
Mogollon Mines Company - - - - -	1,685	"
Tonopah Extension Mining Co. - -	5,181	"

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

March 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Regular account current and schedule of collections accompanying your accounts for the month of February are returned for correction as per pencil notations. The proceeds of sweeps sold in excess of the value of gold and silver contents was due to the platinum contents of the sweeps, and should be so shown, rather than as proceeds of surplus bullion. The explanation on certificate of deposit, and letter of advice to the Bureau, should also have so stated the item. On reverse of the account current, under "Inclosures", the item "Report of sale of sweeps, form 211" is eliminated since the report, with supporting subvouchers, pertains principally to the bullion accounts, where notation has been made of same.

Vo. No. 290, payable to the Pacific Mill & Mine Supply Co., is herewith returned for correction in that the name of the payee as stated in the upper section of the voucher and the manner in which it is signed in the lower section differs; the "inc." does not appear in the upper section.

Vo. No. 302, payable to Joost Bros. Hardware Co., is herewith returned for correction; the signature of the payee in the first certificate is materially different than the way the name appears in the upper part; they should agree. The capacity of the party signing is not given.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. P.

March 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $8.01, covering freight charges on dies and double eagle segment collars, Philadelphia to San Francisco, February 11th and 14th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, March 28, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized accept Lees Sanders proposal sweeps.

Grant
Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES,
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128

April 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$15,000.
Contingent Expenses	3,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Refer Bureau letter March seventeenth stop Accept and pay for quantities Pittman silver therein indicated from concerns named when properly supported.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

Contingent Expenses, Office Director Mint, 1927.

April 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 30th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from the Wheeling Sanitary Mfg Co., two tanks for use in the refinery, 44" x 24" x 18", at a total cost of $175.50.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 6.00 ounces certificate bar samples, representing fine gold mass melts #96, 101, 106 and 111, forwarded with your letter of March 31, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. $8.40, covering fraight charges on Hemp Twine, Washington to San Francisco, February 11, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.42, covering freight charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, March 4, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 6, 1917.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 11.20 ounces of certificate bar samples representing Mint Fine Gold Melts #110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135 and 140, forwarded with your letter of April 1, 1917.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

C.

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April 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

If you anticipate submitting a requisition for printed forms, books, etc., before the first of July, it is requested that it be forwarded soon - as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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April 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Your night letter telegram of yesterday reading as follows: "Melter will finish ingots in Pittman silver coinage Tuesday and unless otherwise advised will proceed on minor coinage" received this morning, and in reply will advise that you resume the coining of Double Eagles to a limited amount, and subsidiary or minor coin in order to keep up your balance. I wish you would be particularly careful as to the quality of this coinage.

You should receive within the next thirty days the balance of Pittman silver due your Office, so be prepared to finish that up as soon as it arrives, as we are anxious to get the Pittman silver dollars out of the way.

I wish you would send me a statement of the amount of Pittman silver you have on hand, both in bars and in process, also the amount of subsidiary silver, refined and unrefined, up to the date of writing.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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April 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I received a letter this morning, dated the 7th, from one H. D. Emerson of Jackson, California, saying he wished to be advised upon what authority the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint withholds and refuses to return to the depositor gold in the form of amalgam bars, etc., and why should that be done simply because the depositor refuses to make known the place of production.

I think I understand why this was done, but before answering this letter, I would like to have a report from you.

You are entitled to the information before accepting any deposit but I think I would hesitate before refusing to return a deposit when the depositor demands it.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $1.66. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Please find enclosed letter of the American Railway Express Co. dated April 12, 1927, relative to their bill No. J/12/13021, in the amount of $94.11. The records of the Bureau indicate that this bill was forwarded to you for payment from the minor coinage profits, by this office, January 26, 1927. Will you kindly advise the writer of the letter the date of payment of this bill and if included with other bills render to them a statement of the bills paid on that date.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of March 17, 1927, relative to a few additional acceptances of Pittman Act silver, please be advised that all of the vendors expect to deliver except the following:

The Mogollon Mines Co. expect to deliver only about 850 ounces, instead of 1,685 ounces.

The Copper Chief Mining Co. having failed to reply to our communications, acceptance of their tender has been cancelled today.

The Presidio Mining Co. item is uncertain at this time, awaiting the result of correspondence. You will be later advised if this acceptance is cancelled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

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April 20, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of March 1927.

One copy of the regular account current and of the schedule of collections are returned herewith with request that they be amended in accordance with pencil notations thereon. The "assaying and stamping" charges on bars returned to the depositor thereof, $29.83, are charges on bullion deposits and should be so reported, nothwithstanding that their amounts are determined as per paragraph 10 of the table of charges. Also please note that accounts sales of old material, etc., with subvouchers, are "Inclosures" with the accounts current.

Please forward vouchers supporting expenditure of 60¢ for mutilated minor nickel coins.

Vo. No. 349, in favor of C. Solomon, Jr., for coin bag seals with 5/8" pin, is returned for explanation of failure to procure seals from the General Supply contractor (see item 1298, and instructions at head of class).

Vo. No. 350, Standard Glove Works, Inc., $230.00, is returned for inspection. The unit price noted on the proposal in the "unit" column is 88¢; computation on that basis would make one dozen worth $10.56, and twenty dozen $211.20, whereas the order and voucher call for twenty dozen at $11.50 per dozen, total $230.00. Explanation of the discrepancy should

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accompany the voucher, and if there has been overpayment the amount thereof should be refunded.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to your recent requisition for blanks and blank books, will you please advise the Bureau as to approximately when the Bookkeeper's Journal will be required for use; also whether its size could be reduced and whether unit columnar ruling is desired exactly as per the copy forwarded.

Also please advise as to the approximate length of time that the four books, "Cashier's Daily Settlement", Form 693, are expected to last.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P.S.

April 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find copy of letter dated April 19, 1927, received from the General Accounting Office, calling for a refund from Mr. John F. Byrnes, of $8.60, on account of excess subsistence allowance in connection with his trip to New York last year on annual settlement.

In second paragraph of the enclosed letter the amount of $5.00 is included as having been reimbursed him for meals for June 10th. This $5.00 includes $1.00 for Pullman porter fees at 25¢ per day for the four days enroute from San Francisco to New York. The refund due from Mr. Byrnes is therefore $7.60 instead of $8.60. Will you kindly request Mr. Byrnes to promptly forward this amount to this office, payable to J. L. Summers, Disbursing Clerk, Treasury Department, in order that the matter may be settled without delay?

Will you also please call Mr. Byrnes's attention to the following pertaining to his use of transportation request for Pullman accommodations on his return trip from New York: It appears that he obtained accommodations by a very round-about route

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for which the Pullman Company billed the Government in the sum of $44.25. The transportation request was used from Washington rather than from New York. Direct route charges from Washington to San Francisco are $31.50. The General Accounting Office has not yet settled this bill, and Mr. Byrnes may be called upon to make further refund.

It is the regular practice of this office to supply travelers with a type-written sheet calling attention to certain requirements in connection with travel, with directions that those requirements be read and followed. Presumably Mr. Byrnes received a copy of the sheet. This type-written sheet directs that when round-about routes are used, any difference between direct-route rates and the round-about route rates must be paid in cash from the traveler's own funds, in order that the amount billed the Government may be only the amount properly payable by the Government. Will you bring to Mr. Byrnes's attention the fact that failure to observe directions given has caused much delay in paying the transportation, as well as been expensive in the matter of time required for correspondence and adjustments.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F.S.
Encl.

April 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reference to Bureau letter of the 20th instant relative to your accounts for the month of March, please disregard paragraph three, wherein it was requested that vouchers supporting the expenditure of 60¢ for mutilate minor nickel coins be forwarded to this office. The voucher has been located in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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April 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

I have your two letters of April 16th, and I wish to thank you for the information in regard to the silver on hand.

In regard to the other letter referring to holding bullion without just cause, your explanation is entirely satisfactory. While we are anxious to help the mine owners all we can, we must protect the Government and our own employees. We can hold back a deposit by reassaying or remelting or other methods, but when a demand is made for the return of a deposit, there is no way of withholding it except by process of law, and I would be very careful how you handled these matters. You are entitled to information as to the source called for on our blanks of any deposit made and may refuse a deposit if this information is not forthcoming; but, unfortunately, the mere fact that you are suspicious of a deposit is no reason to hold it and refuse payment indefinitely. This matter is up to you to a certain extent as you are under bond, and I certainly would not advise you to jeopardize your position.

Respectfully,

H. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 18th concerning unpaid bill of the American Railway Express Company, in the amount of $94.11, it is suggested that in view of lack of action by the Company in rendering an amended bill after this long delay, the original bill for $94.11 be paid and that sufficient information be retained to permit verification in case a subsequent claim is made for the difference of $4.30.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses during the current fiscal year:

Salaries and Wages - - - - $18,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - 5,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

May 3, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 27th pertaining to your accounts for the month of March, 1927.

With reference to the voucher for coin bag seals, and to your understanding that there is no obligation to purchase from General Schedule contractors when lower prices may be obtained elsewhere, please be advised that when class headings on the General Schedule of Supplies indicate that items have been contracted for, for Mint Field Service use, it is obligatory that purchase of same be made from such contractors regardless of the question of price. Supplies so contracted for may be ordered from the General Schedule contractors without asking authority from this office, because the Secretary of the Treasury, in approving the General Schedule contracts, directs that such supplies be purchased on such contracts. For articles of equipment, however, the Bureau's authority should be obtained before placing orders, as heretofore. By referring to paragraph 12 on page 14 of the General Schedule of Supplies, it will be noted that it is permissible to order from the General Schedule con-

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tractors items not specifically for field service, when it is in the interest of the Government so to do and the contractors do not object.

Concerning the notation on the schedule of collections of the amount of charges on gold deposits and the amount on silver deposits, please be advised that the figures noted by the Bureau were those appearing on the bullion abstract sheet under the bullion classifications indicated thereon, while the amounts indicated by you apparently represent the charges collected in gold and those collected in silver. Use of the former figures enables quick verification by the auditing clerks, while the latter are not, and need not be separately shown.

Concerning the wording to be used in right-hand column of schedule of collections, please note that the wording should conform with the wording used on face of account current, under the heading "Miscellaneous Receipts". The heading which at first appeared on the account current as "Deductions on bullion deposits" has been amended to "Charges on bullion deposits"; advice of this change was given some time ago.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

May 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 27th in regard to closing out your Pittman silver account, it will not be advisable to close this account at the present time as it may be necessary to make a book transfer of Pittman silver from one of the other Mints to San Francisco. For that reason you are requested to hold your accounts open until further notice. In the meantime, coin your Pittman silver just as close as convenient.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $2.18. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 4, 1927.

Sir:

Please send me at your early convenience a copy of your pay roll, giving the name, title and salary of all employees under department heads, such as Bookkeeper's Office, Cashier, Abstract, Deposit Weight Clerk, Deposit Melting Room, etc.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

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May 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following bills of the American Railway Express Company, covering express charges on coinage dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

No.	Date	Amount
K/3/3078	3/17/27	$3.52
K/4/3343	3/23/27	1.56
K/3/3079	3/14/27	3.52

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

May 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Examination of the documents pertaining to your April receipts of silver under the Pittman Act brings to attention the following facts:

The Bureau accepted certain tenders of silver for delivery to your mint, from the Tonopah Belmont Development Company and others (such tenders and acceptances constituting informal contracts) and advised you of such purchases. You have received silver from the American Smelting and Refining Company and paid that firm for same although no purchases were made from them. The legal effect of the transactions evidently is that prima facie we are still obligated to receive and pay for silver, under the contracts, from several concerns, and have made unauthorized silver purchases from the American Smelting and Refining Company, also made unauthorized payments to the latter concern. They made affidavits (as vendor) that they were owners of the silver, which affidavits were accepted by you. The Bureau is totally at a loss to understand why the American Smelting and Refining Company were treated as principals in the transactions. While certain of the affidavits present with the vouchers show that the silver was produced in the mines of the concerns with whom we made the contracts, and that they received $1.00 per ounce, and while it is probable that the net results of the transactions properly cover the equities, the record is wholly wrong from the legal standpoint. Although there is no reason why one concern should not make deliveries on account of another, such deliveries should be recorded in the name of those who made the sales, and payments should be made to such vendors. (See last paragraph on page 6 of the Mint Regulations). If those who contracted with us were unable to make delivery their contracts should have been cancelled by us. The difficulties of straightening out the transactions would be considerable, since they would involve return of the checks which have been cleared in the Treasurer's office, cancellation of the transactions, the execution of new vouchers, etc., etc.; and in view of this fact, together with the fact that it would probably

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be no more difficult to take such action later than at the present time, if it is demanded by the General Accounting Office, it would probably be well to let the matter stand in its present status until the General Accounting Office has passed upon it.

With regard to the affidavits filed with and supporting these Pittman Act purchases, it is noted that some of the miners' affidavits cover silver produced in 1923 and some of them cover silver produced quite recently, in 1927. The wording of the affidavit forms clearly shows that they are intended to apply to the particular physical silver delivered to the mint. At the time tenders were being received in June, 1923, the regulations permitted tender of quantities not to exceed the recoverable amounts of domestic silver arriving at bullion producing plants. Deliveries were not necessarily of the identical silver tendered, since the metals are mixed in the reducing processes. The Government recently accepted a few of these tenders of specific quantities, but since all the silver produced in 1923 doubtless long ago passed into consumption, affidavits concerning such silver could not state that it is now being delivered to the Government. Therefore affidavits, to be worthy of credence, must cover recently produced metal.

The affidavits accompanying deposit certificate No. 5 and covering silver accepted by this office from the Tonopah Belmont Development Company are returned herewith with request that proper affidavits be substituted therefor. The affidavits accompanying deposit certificate No. 1, pertaining to purchase from the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Company, are also returned, since they pertain to silver mined in 1923.

From correspondence with the Presidio Mining Company it is understood that the silver purchased from them will be delivered, for their account, by the American Metal Company. They were advised in April, however, that since they are vendors with whom the Government is dealing the transaction must be in their name, with payment to them for the silver, supported by miner's and other affidavits. We have not yet been advised as to when they expect to make delivery, but you will be guided by the above information in making record of the transaction.

Examination has not yet been made of the remainder of your April account.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

May 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your night letter telegram of May 10th was received yesterday morning, and last night I sent to you the following photostats, which I trust are what you wanted:

Receipt for Bullion No. 1916, dated October 13, 1925;
Deposit Certificate No. 1916, dated October 13, 1925;
made by Lorenzo Serrano.

This was mailed to you about 4:30 P. M., yesterday, and forwarded by Air Mail.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find duplicate and triplicate of the following contracts for the fiscal year 1928: No. T3m-11, water service; No. T3m-12, gas service; No. T3m-13, electric service; No. T3m-14, nitric acid; No. T3m-15, castings, and No. T3m-17, sewing. Please note that the above contracts have been approved as of June 6, 1927, in order that they may be consistent with your letters of acceptance dated June 1, 1927. Please be guided accordingly in mailing acceptances.

The contract for laundry service, No. T3m-16, is being returned unapproved for the following reason: You are doubtless aware that the Comptroller General permits the furnishing of gloves, mitts, sleeves, and aprons to mint service employees on the representation that they are burned, when no longer useful, for the purpose of recovering any precious metals that may adhere thereto. Such being the case, no bills for laundering any of these articles will be submitted after the close of the current fiscal year. It is requested that all the bids received for laundry service be rejected and that new bids be invited, eliminating the items of aprons and sleeves.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.S

May 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Please be advised that your letter of May 2, 1927, addressed, through this office, to the General Accounting Office, concerning suspension in your accounts of voucher for unbleaced sheeting purchased locally, is being retained in this office pending receipt of further information concerning ability of the Atlanta Penitentiary to furnish material of the texture required by you. Upon your receipt of such information, your letter of May 2nd should be supplemented or, if you prefer, an entirely new letter may be prepared and the May 2nd letter will be cancelled.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S.

May 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of April 1927.

It is noted that a discount of 2% - 10 days on order No. 453 pertaining to Vo. 583, Dunham Carrigan & Hayden Co. was taken advantage of, per notation on face of voucher, although a 2 % - 30 days discount was not taken on order No. 447, same voucher. Delivery, in each instance, had taken place more than 30 days prior to payment. If necessary, payments should be expedited in order that offered discounts may be taken.

Proposal accompanying Vo. 395, W.E.Mushet & Co., for furnace slides and circle brick, is herewith returned for certification as to acceptance of lowest bid.

According to the records of this office contract numbered T3m-7 does not contain provision for laundering machine covers. This item at 25¢ each is included with contract laundering on voucher No. 409; information is requested as to whether this item is carried on your copy of the contract, and if not, method of procurement should be given.

Deposit Certificate and Receipt for Bullion No. 3697, are herewith returned for correction of the inconsistencies in manner of stating the depositor's name; it reads differently in each of three places.

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San Francisco, -2-/

Deposit Certificate and Receipt for Bullion No. 4123 are herewith returned. The indications are that the depositor, Chin Yen, signed by mark, although the name Chin Yen appears on each form in script. If the signature was by mark witnesses to that fact are necessary and their signatures should appear on the papers. If both the written name and the "mark" were made by the depositor it is suggested that you insert a signed statement to that effect in the folded deposit certificate.

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 11th concerning Pittman Act Silver vouchers pertaining to your April accounts.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

May 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In making up the settlement committees I would like to draw from your Office one man for Denver. I propose to make Mr. Magruder Chairman at that point, and I would like to have a suitable man to assist him.

As the time is somewhat short, I would be glad to have you telegraph me the name of the man you can spare, advising me at the same time which compensation the man prefers, the $6.00 or $7.00 per diem allowance.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Kelly:

I have a copy of the Oakland Post-Enquirer, featuring an article on the Mint, including a very good picture of yourself. I am glad, of course, to have the Mint Service given as much publicity as possible, but in the course of the article it is stated that the "reporter who visited the Mint found, etc".

It is evident that the regulation prohibiting visitors in the Mints has been inadvertently overlooked. The fact that this publication reaches a wide circle will cause us some embarrassment for the reason that we are refusing all applications for admission to the Mints and Assay Offices under the very positive regulation issued by the Secretary of the Treasury several years ago. In refusing Senators and Congressmen we have stated that the regulation has not been waived in any instance. It will be obvious to you that the publication of this article, evidencing the admission of the reporter to the Mint, will be a source of embarrassment to the Department and to the Bureau.

Will you please issue instructions that the regulation prohibiting visitors in the Mints must be strictly enforced?

I would like further to call your attention to the policy of the Department, which is very distinctly adverse to the publication of the securities stored in any Government institution. It is deemed extremely imprudent to invite attention to the quantities, particularly of the amounts of gold, silver and coin on hand at any institution.

Respectfully,

M. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1927.

Salaries and Wages	$19,000.00
Contingent Expenses	4,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

June 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co., $12.52, covering freight charges on Fire Brick lining for furnaces, Elizabeth, N.J., to San Francisco, Cal., March 30th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

June 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $2.06. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

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June 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find extra copies of the contracts indicated below, which have received the Bureau's approval. The originals of these contracts will be forwarded to the General Accounting Office:

No. T3m-16 -	La Grande Laundry Co.,	Laundry Service.
T3m-18 -	The Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.,	Telephone Service.
T3m-19 -	National Ice and Cold Storage Co. of California,	Ice Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

June 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 2nd, you are authorized to purchase two copy holders; it being understood that this article is listed in the General Supply Catalogue as "Item 1120 (a) (3) with wide width attachment from the W. D. Campbell Co. at $11.90 each".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 3rd, and for the reasons stated, you are authorized to purchase from The Duriron Company, Inc., 2 acid proof metal plunger pumps for use in the refinery, at a cost of $523.25 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 1st, you are authorized to purchase one Hoover model 700 vacuum cleaner without attachments; it being understood that this article is listed in the General Supply Catalogue as "#10611 (b) (1) (aa) for $60.75 from the Hoover Company".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

DAY LETTER. Washington, June 10, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Owing to resignation Assistant Assayer New Orleans Magruder withdrawn as Chairman Denver settlement (stop) Can Mr. Hawkins take this assignment (stop) If not have you anyone to suggest as Chairman (stop) Please wire advice

Grant
Director

R.J.G.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1927.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122

June 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of June 9th, and this letter will be authority for you to concur with the Quartermaster Section of the War Department, Fort Mason, San Francisco, in the awarding of contracts for the fiscal year 1928 for gasoline and oil supplies, as follows:

California Petroleum Corporation,	125 Gal. Gasoline @ 11½¢ per gal.
California Petroleum Corporation,	500 Gal. Kerosene @ 12½¢ per gal.
California Petroleum Corporation,	2800 Bbl. Fuel Oil @ $1.12 per bbl.
Castolene, Inc.	126 Gal. Turbine Oil @ 17 ¢ per gal.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am returning your request of May 28th with authority to purchase a Monroe computing machine, this purchase having been cleared by the Superintendent of Supplies, General Supply Committee.

It is understood that this computing machine is to be purchased from the General Supply Catalogue at $475.00 less 15%, or a net of $403.75.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 7th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company two hundred No. 100 crucibles at a cost of $1,900.00 less 1%.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 7th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase from the Ames Harris Neville Company 5,000 silver coin sacks at a cost of $90.00 per thousand, 2% 10 days, 60 days net, this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

June 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to Supplement No. 1 of General Accounting Office Regulations No. 45, dated June 3, 1927, copy of which was recently mailed you.

Question has been presented as to whether a separate series of voucher numbers for the Regular Account, for the Minor Coinage Metal Account, and for the Special Deposit Account, should be continued as heretofore. The answer of the General Accounting Office is that these separate series should be continued. The above mentioned Supplement will affect the Mint Service only when the incumbent of the position of Superintendent, or of Assayer in Charge, changes during a fiscal year, when voucher numbers for each account rendered by the new incumbent will begin with number one.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Referring telegram twentieth authorized accept highest bid on sweeps.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

June 21, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to purchase from the General Supply Schedule one chair and three cushions, the chair to cost $10.65 and the cushions $1.90 each.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Referring telegram twenty-first have you asked for more than one bid.

GRANT
Director.

A.J.G.

Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1927.

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June 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sum for meeting expenses during the current fiscal year: Salaries and Wages, $500.00.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized accept proposal American Smelting Refining covering copper.

GRANT
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

June 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find final sheet of one copy of Bullion Account Current for the month of May, for amendment as per pencil notations and return. In this connection it is noted that the transfer in question of $195,000.00 from the Recoinage Fund to the Bullion Fund was not reported to the Treasurer until June, although request was made at that time that the matter be treated as of May 31st. The dating back of transactions should be avoided so far as possible since it requires explanation on the Treasurer's summary statement of transactions and balances which accompanies your accounts to the General Accounting Office. It is, of course, necessary that the account current balances be in agreement, or reconciled, with balances shown by the Treasurer's books.

For your future guidance the following is brought to attention concerning the assignment of silver coins to the recoinage account. As per the May account current, while the weight of the coin assigned to the recoinage account is properly the weight prescribed by law for silver coins, the weight of the remaining coins which were assigned to the Silver Coinage Bullion Account differs materially from the legal weight and is in excess of the legal tolerance. In making assignments to the recoinage account, care should be observed to insure that the weight of the coin assigned to the Silver Coinage Bullion Account does not exceed or fall short of the legal tolerance.

Voucher No. 428, in favor of Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Co., for $2.45, is herewith returned for certification as to acceptance of lowest bid.

Voucher No. 431 is in favor of Graybar Electric Co. for 16 telephone cords at a cost of $13.20. Since such cords are usually supplied by the telephone company without cost, a memorandum is requested for attaching to the voucher, justifying the purchase.

Voucher No. 435, in favor of Pacific Bag Company for $42.50 is returned for certification as to authority of the person who signs the proposal.

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Voucher No. 435 is in favor of Patrick & Co. for one 2-line rubber stamp at a cost of 50¢. Since rubber stamps are among the articles required to be procured from the General Supply Contractor, it is presumed that you will be called upon to refund the difference between the amount paid and the General Schedule Contractor's price.

Voucher No. 443 is in favor of L. Dinkelspiel Co. for 52 yards of Navy blue flannel and 1 spool white tape at a cost of $37.80. Information is requested as to the uses to which these materials are applied.

On the 4th page of May payroll deduction is made against No. 13, G. F. Brown, for 16 days' absence without pay. The May absence report gives 22 days; explanation of the difference is requested.

Following is illustration of method of stating payroll column totals, recently prescribed by the General Accounting Office; please use same in future:

	Gross Amt. Earned	Deductions		Net Amt. Paid	
		Retirement	Other		
Net amount chargeable to approp.	12,995.24	427.65	16.00	12,551.59	
				16.00	Collections.
				427.65	Retirement.
				12,995.24	Total approved.

Note the double underscore on first column and the designations to be given. When the "Other Deductions" are treated in this manner they will represent expenditures from the salaries and wages appropriation and should be taken up in the accounts as receipts; an example would be a deduction from payroll funds of an overpayment made to an employee on travel account reimbursement. Where the "Other Deductions" represent merely temporary non-payment of earned compensation they should not be taken into the last money column and be approved for payment; such approval will appear on the special voucher when actual payment is made.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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June 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith please find letter of the General Accounting Office, No. Tn-CHB 483369, dated June 21, 1927, also copy of letter of The Pullman Company, dated June 17, 1927, and addressed to the General Accounting Office. With return of enclosures will you please forward the unused transfer ticket mentioned, or in lieu thereof, a report concerning same from Mr. Byrnes.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

June 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Appropriations for meeting the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, have been apportioned as follows:

Salaries and Wages.		Contingent Expenses.
$62,000.00	1st Quarter	$14,000.00
62,000.00	2nd "	13,000.00
61,000.00	3rd "	11,000.00
61,000.00	4th "	14,000.00
2,500.00	Reserve	4,000.00
$248,500.00	Total	$56,000.00

These apportionments have been approved by the Treasury Budget Officer, and must be strictly adhered to; and obligations must not be created during any quarter in excess of the apportionments therefor including unexpended balances, if any, carried forward from previous-quarter apportionments, in advance of the issue of waiver by the Budget Officer, except in emergency involving loss of life or public property.

If conditions arise which would warrant the modifying of these apportionments, explanation of the reasons should accompany your request to this Bureau for such modification, and no obligations should be created in anticipation of such modification.

Quarterly reports covering obligations created, etc., should be continued during the fiscal year 1928, as per directions now in effect for such reports pertaining to the fiscal year 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

July 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Requistion has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses of your institution:

Salaries and Wages, 1928 -	$21,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1928 -	3,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1927 -	2,000.00
	26,000.00

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, July 6, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California.

Recall Miller watchman approved.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1928.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATE.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 3138
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July 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Mr. Ezra Meeker, President, Oregon Trail Memorial Association, has written to the Bureau, stating that memorial coins have been paid out to members of the Association, contrary to the provisions of the Bill: "That the coins herein authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the executive committee of the Oregon Trail Memorial Association, Incorporated."

Please be careful, in case you have applications for these coins, to require a certificate from the applicant that he is a member of the executive committee.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has, under date of July 6, 1927, approved the promotions of the following named members of your staff in the amounts indicated:

		From		To
Michael J. Kelly, Superintendent	- - -	$5200	-	$5400
Paul E. Springer, Cashier	- - -	2800	-	2900
Merrill A. Martin, Asst Assayer	- - -	2700	-	2800
George H. Seaver, Bookkeeper	- - -	2300	-	2400
Isaac J. Coontz, Asst Cashier	- - -	2040	-	2100
Russell J. Van Horne, Asst Bookkeeper	- - -	2040	-	2100

These increases have been made without changing the grade to which the positions were assigned in 1924. The changes have been made in such positions (exclusive of clerks) as have but one person in the grade. It is felt that opportunity arises throughout the year, through resignations, retirements or separations, to permit the clerks to be advanced in salary. The changes here approved will bring into greater harmony the salaries paid at the major offices of our service.

The matter was not submitted to you for consideration previous to the names being sent to the Secretary for the reason that it seemed important to have the promotions become effective on July 16th in order to carry them in the Budget at these new rates for the fiscal year 1928.

There is doubtless a sufficient amount in your appropriation to permit these advances.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

P. S. No oaths required.

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July 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Immediately upon the resumption of coinage, which I expect will be about the middle of this month, will you please proceed with the coinage of double eagles to full capacity on the 8 hour basis. The Bureau will make every effort to give you instructions as far as possible in advance of any change in this program.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 11.20 ounces of certificate bar samples representing Mint fine gold melts 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170 and 175, and 6.00 ounces representing fine gold mass melts #122, 127, 134 and 139; forwarded with your two letters of July 5, 1927.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In regard to Par. 3, page 2, of your letter of June 30th, regarding your accounts for the month of May, please be advised that notation has been made on the absence report for that month to the effect that the employee in question was absent 18 days without pay, being a per diem employee he was in a pay status for 26 days, for 8 of which he received compensation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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July 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The Director left on Sunday on his western trip and he will pay his usual visit to San Francisco in a short time.

The Treasurer's Office has sent the following memorandum to the Bureau; an estimate of the coin required from the Mint at San Francisco for the remainder of the calendar year, no allowance being made for the balances held by you at this time:

Half Dollars	- - - - - - $750,000.
Quarter Dollars	- - - - - - 375,000.
Dimes	- - - - - - 500,000.
Nickels	- - - - - - 175,000.
Cents	- - - - - - 175,000.

You understand, of course, that this is an estimate made by the Treasurer's Office and conditions may change these requirements, but at least they give us an idea of the probabilities according to the judgment of the Treasurer's Office.

This letter should not alter the plan for you to continue for the present on double eagles unless the pressure becomes too great through orders from the Treasurer for other coins.

The Treasurer understands that your program to start with will carry you into the double eagle gold coinage at present, but he would like to have you coin half dollars in connection with the gold, if possible, in preference to any other denomination at this time.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of July 21st, asking to have ten tons of nickel purchased for the minor coinage. It would seem to be a simpler way to handle the transaction if you would invite bids directly as you do for other supplies for your Mint, instead of having the Bureau invite bids for you. It is realized that this has been the practice for a long time but there does not seem to be any particular advantage.

As of possible assistance to you I am giving a list of the firms formerly invited by the Bureau to bid on nickel:

United States Nickel Company, New Brunswick, N. J.
American Nickel Corporation, Clearfield, Pa.
Armand Weill Co., 152 West 42nd St., New York, N. Y.
American Smelting & Refining Co., 120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
International Nickel Co., 67 Wall St., New York, N. Y.

I would suggest that if you consider there is time, you would provide in your inquiry that bids be made on the basis of water freight. It is understood that it takes twenty days for a vessel to reach San Francisco from New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of June 1927.

It is requested that use of Form 213, "Wastage and Surplus of Operative Officers and Loss on Sale of Sweeps", be discontinued, and that in lieu thereof a statement in duplicate be forwarded substantially as the enclosed; one copy to accompany your bullion accounts to the General Accounting Office as an inclosure and the other for the Bureau files.

It is noted that Vo. 533, Patrick & Co., 98¢, is for rubber stamps which should have been purchased from the General Supply Contractor. Attention is invited to Items Nos. 1354-55 in the General Schedule of Supplies. The voucher in question will be forwarded to the General Accounting Office; they will probably call for a refund in view of the fact that the stamps, according to the descriptions, could evidently have been procured at a lower cost from the General Supply Contractor.

Deposit Certificate and Receipt for Bullion No. 5055, American Trust Company, $1,169.66, is herewith returned for insertion on the deposit certificate of the method of payment; if it was in cash the receipt should be in the name of the depositor as the endorsement on the Receipt for Bullion "does not pass title from the depositor".

Duplicate copy of payroll accompanying the accounts was incomplete in that the totals were omitted; kindly note such totals on duplicate roll in the future.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

U. S. MINT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Bullion settlement. June 30. 1927. -

	Fine ounces	Value
For Gold Surplus - M & R Dept.	723.363	
- Coining Dept.	52.364	
	775.727	$16,035.70
Silver surplus - M & R Dept.		
Dollar account	492.75	492.75
1/ Subsidiary account	268.13	168.31
	760.88	16,696.76
Less silver wastage - Coining Dept.		
Dollar account	623.63	623.63
1/ Subsidiary account	267.31	167.79
	890.94	791.42
Net surplus -		15,905.34

For minor metal wastage -

	Ounces	
2/ Nickel- M & R Dept.	2410.14	$ 30.99
Coining "	1068.45	13.74
3/ Bronze - M & R Dept.	1959.31	21.29
Coining "	1023.75	11.12
Total wastage		77.14

1/ At May rate $0.6277-
2/ " " " 0.012859-
3/ " " " 0.010864-

Supt.

July 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Will you please forward to the Bureau as promptly as possible the following information for use in the Secretary's Office:

The average time taken to make final payments on deposits of gold bullion, stating separately the time taken for deposits of about $500,000., $1,000,000., and over $1,000,000.

You will, of course, notice that the average time has been requested. It is very important to the interests of the Department to have this information as accurate as possible.

The Bureau will appreciate it if you will expedite this information.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$21,000.00
Contingent Expenses	5,000.00

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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August 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your letter of July 29th, this letter will be authority for you to purchase from the Denver Rock Drill Manufacturing Company one drill and gad at $83.25, this being the most advantageous bid received for supplying your Mint with this light weight air drill.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
SanFrancisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following bills, payable from your 1927 contingent appropriation, have this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

Phila. to S.F.	coinage dies	May 27'27	$2.17
Elizabeth,NJ, to S. F.	Cylinder	" 24'27	3.23

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have your letter of August 1st relative to an order placed by you with the Baumgarten Co. of Washington for an assortment of rubber stamps to cost $1.35. It is suggested that when certified dealer's bill for payment is received by you, you certify it as to receipt of the stamps and forward to the Bureau, when the matter of payment will be taken up with the office of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department. It is suggested that in the heading of the voucher the blank for indication of appropriation be not filled in.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment bill of the American Railway Express Company from the minor coinage profits, as follows:

K/6/6112 6/27/27 S. F. to Los Angeles $10,000.00 pennies $237.50

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

August 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $5.14, if this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. r.

August 9, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 5th, you are authorized to purchase from C. W. Marwedel a 1/4 H. P. D. C. motor equipped with 3 speed countershaft, flexible shaft, drill chuck and handle spindle required for use in the refinery and ingot room of your Mint, at a cost of $105.50 less 2% for payment 10th prox., this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 10, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K-7-6413, June 10, 1927, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.
$2,000 in cents . . . . . $ 74.80
K-7-6412, July 1, 1927, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Calif.
$15,000 in nickels 124.28
K-7-6411, June 30, 1927, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Calif.
$10,000 in nickels 82.82

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

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August 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In regard to your contingent appropriation transactions for the fiscal year 1927, the following is noted, as having been previously reported by you.

	Encumbrances Liquidated.
1926	
Aug.	1244.79
Sept.	3116.59
Oct.	3061.41
Nov.	2197.72
Dec.	3569.70
1927	
Jan.	4690.48
Feb.	2762.27
Mar.	2846.01
Apl.	7248.61
May	2252.74
June	4445.71
Total to June 30 -	37436.03
July	2436.26
Total to July 31	39872.29

The total of the encumbrances liquidated to June 30, as per your statement for that month is $37,636.03 which is $200. greater than noted above. With the submission of the July report the same condition is noted. According to the records of the Bureau the outstanding encumbrances as of June 30 was $8089.18 and as of July 31, $5652.92, instead of 7889.18 and $5452.18, respectively, as reported by you on the July statement. The total encumbrances set up for the year reported $45,525.21, agrees with Bureau records. Information relative to the difference noted above is requested.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

August 16, 1927.

Honorable R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Half dollar dies shipped August thirteenth. Half dollars required according our letter July nineteenth.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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August 16, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 8th, you are authorized to purchase from the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company the following lot of graphite goods; these prices being the lowest of three bids received:

150	#3	graphite	dippers	@ $0.60	$90.00
100	#5D	"	"	@ 0.80	80.00
20	#20	"	crucibles	@ 2.40	48.00
20	#14	"	"	@ 1.68	33.60
50	#100	"	covers	@ 2.50	125.00
					376.60

The above figures subject to one per cent discount.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928

August 19, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Please wire Bureau how soon you can deliver fifty thousand dollars in half dollars in one invoice Federal Reserve San Francisco.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

August 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to your April request for a Bookkeeper's Journal, which it was stated would be required for use in August. Since this was to be a very large book and revision of the record forms was under consideration, the book was not requisitioned from the Government Printing Office. It now appears that the forms revision can not be accomplished at an early date, and I am writing to ask if a blank book with double money columns, and leaves 10½ inch wide by 16 inch long, will serve the purpose of a bookkeeper's journal for the time being. Blank book of the same size, but with plain horizontal ruling is also available. These books have about 250 pages each.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

F-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

August 23, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Wire Bureau maximum daily output half dollars continuing present gold output on eight hour basis.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

August 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In regard to certain vouchers accompanying your accounts for the month of July, please be advised that it is not necessary to fill in the designation figure under "Method of or Absence of Advertising" on the face of voucher nor to make any notation on the reverse when vouchers are supported by written agreement (see sample voucher forwarded some time ago). These spaces on voucher form are provided for use when there is not written agreement. The abstract of agreement, form 1036, cares for the matter when there are written agreements. The vouchers in question are supported by written agreements (contracts). To the contrary, such non-contract vouchers as Nos. 5, 17 and 30 should have the "Method of or Absence of Advertising" indications filled in, as a means of denoting the procedure followed in procuring these supplies. In this connection see note on reverse of voucher form. The pertinent references have been noted on vouchers Nos. 5 and 30 in the Bureau, but vo. No. 17, Remington Typewriter Co., $244.50, is herewith returned for such amendment and with request that a signed statement be prepared and attached thereto certifying that old machine given in exchange had been in use for a period of three years or more, if such is the case.

In regard to vos. 1, 31 and 38, Public Moneys, all payable to the postmaster for stamps, please be advised that the proper designation to be used as to "Method of or Absence of Advertising" should be "5d".

San Francisco, -2-

Vouchers Nos. 36 and 37, for telephone and telegraph services, are enclosed for signature in the certificates as to receipt thereof, etc., of someone having knowledge of the facts.

Evidently the deposits received in June but not taken into the accounts until July because of the annual settlement, have been dated July 1st. As previously advised, these should carry the actual date of receipt regardless of when taken into the accounts. Please follow this procedure in future.

With reference to the symbol classification of expenditures in column at left-hand margin of the voucher form, attention is invited to the following: Note 2, in small type at foot of page 11 of Classification Bulletin, should be carefully considered. Reference is made to vouchers Nos. 7, 10, 12, 22 and 32, covering castings, steel rods, pipe, etc. Some of these are classed under detail symbol 0292, others under detail symbol 0299; any of them that are properly classifiable under sub-symbol 0290 should evidently be assigned to detail symbol 0292, since detail symbol 0299 is provided to cover any possible detail classes <u>not previously named</u> under detail symbols 0291 to 0298, inclusive. When it is known, at the time of purchase, that articles of this kind are to be used for repairs or alterations, they should be classed under master symbol 12; if for equipment, under master symbol 30. Generally speaking, items properly classifiable under sub-symbol 0290 are such materials as would go into store's stock, for later use <u>either</u> as supplies, equipment, or parts of structures. The above remarks also have application to No. 24, for machine work on castings. Symbols were not noted on vouchers payable from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund, and from the Minor Coinage Profit Fund.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F/P

August 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 23¢, covering insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during July 1927. The rate 4 1/5 cents per $1,000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. r.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1926.

August 24, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Replying your telegram August twenty-third purchase nickel approved.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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August 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 20th, you are authorized to purchase lumber from J. H. McCallum at a cost of $113.18; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 26, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States, Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of August 22nd, you are authorized to purchase 550 feet of 700,000 C. M., R. C. D. B. Standard Copper Conductor at a cost of $185.15; this being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

September 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$20,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P F

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September 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
SanFrancisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/7/6787, 7-9-1927, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.
$10,000 in nickels $117.54

Respectfully,

Mint Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

September 6, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 2nd, you are authorized to purchase from Lazare Klein Company the following material:

10 bolts unbleached sheeting 36" wide at $.185 yard,
4 bolts " " 8/4 " " .4074 " ,
2 bolts 10 oz canvas duck 29" " " .225 " ;

these being the lowest of four bids received:

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, 90¢. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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September 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 2nd, you are authorided to purchase from the Johns-Manville Copporation the following material:

22 sheets 96" x 42" x 1/4" asbestos board impregnated with acid resisting compound at .27 per sq ft.,

20 pieces 96" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" asbestos ebony wood at 3.95 each net;

these prices being the lowest of three bids received.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

September 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Please forward to the Bureau at your earliest convenience a statement showing copies of all orders for Oregon Trail coins received by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

September 9, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Delivery forty-five half dollars passed by Assayer.

Grant
Director.

R. J. G.

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Cont. Fr. Mint Bureau, 1928

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Do not ship any more half dollars until advised by ~~fxxx~~ Bureau ~~that~~ delivery has been passed by our assayer.

R. J. Grant

Director.

September 12, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In response to your letter of September 8 you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Ames-Harris-Neville Company, amounting to $306.25 for supplying your Mint with 5000 sacks. It is understood that this price is subject to a discount of 2%,-10 days, and that the bid of the Ames-Harris Neville Company is the lowest of three bids obtained.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 12, 1927.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1927.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assay coins half dollar delivery forty-six passed today by assayer. Report on delivery forty-seven will be wired tomorrow.

Grant
Director.

N.J.F.

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Sept. 13, 1927.

Contingent Expenses Mint Bureau 1 8 8

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Half dollars delivery forty-seven passed.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1928.

September 14, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Half dollars delivery forty-eight passed.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

September 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 31st relative to a United States Official Postal Guide, we have just been notified by the Stationery Division of the Division of Supply that a copy of this book has been mailed directly to you.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 17, 1927.

Contingent Expenses Office Director
of the Mint 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Half dollars delivery number forty-nine passed.

Grunk
Director.

September 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 15th inclosing application of Mr. Collins for extension, I am returning the papers herewith with the advice that the Secretary's Office prefers not to pass on such cases so far in advance of the effective date which in this case is January 12, 1928.

It is suggested that this application be resubmitted some time early in December.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

September 20, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of August.

Vo. No. 72, Standard Glove Works, $15.00, is herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent to the approval certificate on the voucher.

The absence report for August shows R. L. Drake, Melter, at $5.77 per diem, as having been absent without pay fifteen days whereas the August payroll indicates such absence for a period of thirteen days; please advise which is correct. Absence without pay, of an employee whose compensation is not on a per annum basis, should be reported as of the number of days for which pay is forfeited rather than as of the number of calander days in the period.

As regards the expenditure classification of purchases, apparently rubber stoppers on voucher No. 51, assigned to symbol 0298 saps, guns, etc., could better be assigned 0221, laboratory supplies; it seems unlikely that these would be used for repairs or alterations, and that they are too inconsequential to be allocated as equipment, being somewhat analogous, in this respect, to small tools mentioned in note 2 at foot of page 23 of the symbol manual. On voucher No. 41, the sewing of machine covers is assigned symbol 0247. These covers are evidently not of the same general nature as "wearing apparel and sewing supplies"; possibly they could be classed under symbol 0282, last item.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. T.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

September 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/8/7751, 8-6-27, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.
$1,000 in cents $37.45
K/8/7753, 7-30-27, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.
$3,000 in cents 103.85

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

September 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Experimental Station of the Bureau of Mines at Salt Lake City is in need of a number of assay balances.

The Mint Bureau has a number of balances which are obsolete and not in use which, I think, would be good enough for the Bureau of Mines.

I wish you would send me a list of the balances at your Mint which could be spared, and the condition of the same.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

September 27, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 38¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of August 1927. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000. is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

September 29, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/8/6233, 8-16-27, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.
$5,000 in nickels $58.82

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 26th, you are authorized to award the job of upholstering and repairing a chair used by the Assayer of your Mint to A. C. Null at a cost of $8.00; this being the lower of two bids received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you of the following sums for meeting expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages - - - - -	$20,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - -	3,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

October 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of September 30th, recommending the reinstatement of Mr. R. H. Kearney in the position of weigher at $2,100 per annum for the purpose of transfer to another branch of the Government service.

It will not be necessary for Mr. Kearney to be reinstated in the Mint service in order to effect a reappointment as a reinstatement in another branch of the Government service.

The branch of the Government service in which he expects to be reinstated will, upon his application for such reinstatement, obtain from this Department his record, and we shall be glad to assist him in this way as far as we can.

I would suggest that Mr. Kearney needs merely make application for appointment to the position to which he is eligible through reinstatement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1927.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

When may we expect another delivery half dollars?

Grant
Director.

R.J.G.

October 7, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receupt of your letter of October 1, 1927, enclosing the oaths of Messrs. Toner, Scozzafava.

In reference to your inquiry as to the form to be used in covering the oath, it is the desire of the Appointment Division that we use the new form which includes the personnel history, even in cases of the older employees.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to accept the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company to supply your Mint with the following graphite goods, this Company's bid being the lowest of three bids received:

100	#6	graphite	crucibles	at	$0.945	each
100	#8	"	"	"	1.05	"
25	#6	"	covers	"	.25	"
50	#8	"	"	"	.27	"
25	#50	"	"	"	1.25	"
50	Bell	graphite	stirrers	at	2.00	"

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 11, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith please find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $2.59; if this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 12, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.91, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, August 13, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Exp. Co., $1.83, express charges on segment collars, August 27, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 13, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bill of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/9/8788, 9-3-27, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.
$2,000 in nickels} $100.12
2,000 in cents }

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has this day been approved for advance to you the amount $1935.00 of your 1927 contingent appropriation. This amount will liquidate all outstanding 1927 encumbrances. It is requested that the enclosed vouchers, received with your letter of October 11, be paid by you and the balance be retained until such time as the bill of W. D. Campbell Company is presented for payment, thus clearing up all 1927 encumbrances.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1928.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Half dollars deliveries fifty-one and fifty-two passed.

GRANT
Director

OR

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

October 18, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Authorized accept bid copper American Smelting and Refining Company.

Grant
Director.

October 18, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Atchison, Topeka and S.F. Ry Co., $2.59, freight charges on fire brick, Elizabeth, NJ, to San Francisco, July 26, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

October 16, 1927.

Mr. Harry Troupe,
Hotel Bellevue,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 12th, please be advised that the statement in the magazine "Time" to which you refer is erroneous. The Presidential medals are for sale at the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa.

The $1 bill you inclosed is returned to you herewith with a circular giving general information concerning the medals for sale at the Philadelphia Mint. Please note that postage charges should be added to the cost of the medals.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to your recent requisition for forms and blank books I have to advise that card form No. 502-B, sample returned herewith, was discontinued some time ago. Book form No. 981, Record of Silver Coin Weighed, was also discontinued some time ago, it having been replaced by card form of same number; a sample of a card is herewith enclosed. If your stock of same is about exhausted, please submit requisition for such quantity as will be required.

A supply of Departmental stock form No. 2152 for recording leave of the calendar year 1928 was ordered early in October, and will, nodoubt, be delivered to you as soon as it is ready for distribution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 59¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of September, 1927. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000., is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

October 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of September.

Vo. No. 98, Link-Belt Meese & Gottfried Co., $22.11, for silent chain, bears indication "5d" as explanation for absence of competition. The printed reason under letter "d" appears to be inappropriate, and since adequate reason is typed under "5", the "d" has been eliminated by this office.

Abstract of agreement attached to Vo. No. 112, Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company, $20.29, is herewith returned for indication thereon, in the space provided, of the number of dealers from whom bids were solicited.

C. S. Campbell, skilled workman, $5.37 per diem, was paid $19.80 for 3½ days extra time; correct computation gives $18.80, making an evident overpayment of $1.00.

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San Francisco -2-/

Vo. No. 134, for wax tapers, $17.10, procurred from a general schedule contractor, carries indication in the certificate of "4d" as to method of advertising. This should be left blank by you for contract purchases, since it was taken care of when the contract was made; reference on voucher to the General Schedule items is sufficient. The notation on this voucher has been eliminated by this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 24, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co., $3.55, covering freight charges on an office chair, Milwaukee, Wis., to S. F., July 26, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

While at the Philadelphia Mint yesterday, the Foreman of the Machine Shop asked me about an order from your Mint for a large quantity of supplies for the automatic weighing machines. I understood him to say that you wanted a full set of aluminum beams for all of your machines, also a number of baskets and other parts.

This is the first time that more than two or three beams have ever been replaced, and I am wondering if perhaps a mistake might not have been made in this order either at San Francisco or Philadelphia?

We have only one man at Philadelphia who can handle this work which is very slow. Even if he started now, it would take six months to fill your order.

I wish you would make an investigation, find out what you absolutely need and let me know.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

October 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

I am inclosing a copy of a telegram forwarded by you to this Bureau.

Will you be kind enough to give instructions that all such telegrams be forwarded here to the Bureau and they will be at once transmitted by the Bureau to the Treasurer of the United States?

Respectfully,

H. G. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OK

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

Oct. 31, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Treasurer in need one-cent pieces your Mint. If necessary discontinue temporarily gold coinage.

Grant
Director.

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October 31, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 24th relative to gold weights and riders recently purchased from Henry Troemner, please forward these to this Bureau to be transmitted to the Bureau of Standards for adjustment.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of October 24th, you are authorized to purchase from Garland Affolter Engineering Company the following:

2 - 30 H. P. 230 volt D.C. motor starting rheostats, graphite disc type, at $49. each; total $98. net;

1 - 25 H. P. 230 volt D.C. motor starting rheostat, graphite disc type, at $42. net;

this being the only set of bids received of three asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $1.95, covering express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, September 12, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/9/9304	9/19/27	S.F. to Los Angleis	$5,000.00	cents	$118.80
K/9/8411½	8/23/27	S. F. to Spokane,	2,000.00	do	74.80
K/9/9305	9/14/27	S.F. to Seattle	5,000.00	nickels	58.82
K/9/9027	9/7/27	S. F. to Seattle	5,000.00	cents	103.85

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages,	$20,000.
Contingent Expenses	5,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 2, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $11.00. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you. In view of the fact that $10.11 is payable from minor coinage profits and 89¢ from your contingent appropriation, it is suggested that a dummy voucher be placed in one account with a reference to the account where the "certified" bill is located.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 3, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry. Exp. Co., $1.95, covering express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, September 6, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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November 4, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Returned herewith please find amended bill of Marsh and McLennan covering insurance charges on minor coin shipped by you during the month of September. The duplicate charges mentioned in your recent letter have been eliminated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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November 5, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

To augment the records of this Bureau, please give us the date of birth of Mr. Lewis M. Slater, an employee of your Mint.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

November 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company, as follows:

K/10/9610	9/23/27	S. F. to Seattle	$2,000 nickels	
			5,000 cents	$136.58

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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November 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Replying to your letter of November 3rd, I wish to state that the mistake was mine. I misunderstood the Foreman of the Philadelphia Machine Shop, and I now find that he has no orders for automatic weighing machine supplies from your Mint.

With kindest regards, I remain

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of November 14th, you are authorized to purchase from W. E. Mushet Company 400 fire clay slides at 48 cents each, a total of $192.00, less 2% for payment 10th prox., this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

November 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 34¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of October. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

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November 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $4.16, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, October 6, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OK

P. F.

November 23, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/10/10121	10/10/27	Los Angeles from S.F. $10,000.00 cents	$237.50
K/10/10120	9/17/27	Los Angeles from S.F. $5,000.00 cents	118.80

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OK

P. F.

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Superintendent Mint
San Francisco Cal.

Authorized accept American Smelting offer copper one four one five cents pound.

GRANT
Director.

November 25, 1927.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This letter will be authority for you to make the purchases referred to in your letters of November-21, 1927, as follows:-

6 chair cushions.
1 Hy-Lo single telephone bracket; also,

Repair of six chairs and one lounge.

May I suggest that you are not required to write for authority to make such minor expenditures.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

November 28, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of October.

The agreement supporting Minor Coinage Metal Fund Vo. No. 2, The International Nickel Co., $7,934.55, being for a thousand dollars or over, should have been numbered in the regular contract series and separately filed, as per directions heretofore given. Please assign a number and advise the Bureau thereof and the matter will be taken care of by this office.

The regular account current carries an "adjustment" item of $5,929.04, which represents the minor seigniorage of the prior month, transferred to the special deposit account. While it is desirable to carry in the latter account for paying transportation costs, a sufficient balance to meet probable needs while minor coin is not being manufactured, it is inadvisable to transfer from the regular account profits that have been taken into that account. It is expected that amounts once taken into the regular account current as revenues will be deposited into the Treasury as such. The special deposit account is provided for carrying amounts, as per prior instructions, whose ultimate disposition remains to be determined. It is suggested that in future amounts to be taken into the special deposit account be carried therein directly, instead of via the regular account current. In this connection it is noted that there was quite a balance available for paying transportation costs of minor coin, before the above mentioned amount was added thereto.

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San Francisco 2.

Relative to the classification of purchases, attention is again invited to note 2 at foot of page 11 of the symbol pamphlet. The Bureau recognizes that the same article may properly be variously classed, according to its use, or if added to the storeroom stock; and only when there seems to be a reasonable probability of misclassification is further information requested. Vo. No. 142 is for two cubic yards of sand, and No. 153 for one barrell of lime, both ordered at the same time; each is assigned symbol 0293. Presumably they were ordered for a repair or construction job; however, if they went into the storeroom as stock, to be used when required, for probably differing purposes, the assigned symbols were correct.

Please note that the rubber-stamp certifications on accepted proposals, that they are the lowest bids received, are no longer necessary; this is now covered by the certification on the abstract of agreement.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F/P

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

November 29, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Will need two hundred thousand dollars more half dollars.

Grant
Director.

R. J. G.

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Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1926.

November 29, 1927.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

In addition to half dollars Treasurer requires about thirty thousand dollars more cents and forty thousand more dimes.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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December 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $3.90, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, October 10th and 15th, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 1, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$20,000.
Contingent Expenses	4,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized accept bid Lees Sanders on sweeps.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

December 5, 1927.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30, relative to refund on account of payments made by Mr. Caveney to the retirement fund, you are correct in your understanding that the Act of July 3, 1926, has raised the amount which can be paid without probate proceedings to $1,000.

I am enclosing copies of Form 3-R 15, Application for Payment of Accumulated Deductions".

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1927.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30 relative to Standard silver dollars, I think it would be by all means desirable that you should deliver the $26,000 completed dollars before the close of the year.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

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December 7, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.76, express charges on collars, Philadelphia to San Francisco, October 17, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage, bill of the American Railway Express Comapny as follows:

K/10/10634	10/21/27	SF to Spokane	$1,000 in cents	$37.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 8, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Bureau has been having difficulty in preparing the annual budget personnel estimates, particularly the most recent ones, because of changes during the prior year in the pay rates of per-diem employees. The following is quoted from Budget Bureau Circular No. 210 dated July 5, 1927:

"The following salary ranges will be used for grouping positions in the field service:

Salary ranges:

$7,500 and over			
6,000 to $7,500;	average,	$6,750	
5,200 to 6,000;	average,	5,600	
5,800 to 5,000;	average,	4,400	
3,300 to 3,900;	average,	3,600	
3,000 to 3,600;	average,	3,300	
2,700 to 3,300;	average,	3,000	
2,400 to 3,000;	average,	2,700	
2,100 to 2,700;	average,	2,400	
1,860 to 2,400;	average,	2,100	

Salary ranges - Continued.

$1,680 to $2,040;	average,	$1,860	
1,500 to 1,860;	average,	1,680	
1,320 to 1,680;	average,	1,500	
1,140 to 1,500;	average,	1,320	
1,020 to 1,260;	average,	1.140	
900 to 1,140;	average,	1,020	
780 to 1,020;	average,	900	
600 to 780;	average,	690	
420 to 600;	average,	510	
240 to 420;	average,	330	

"The detailed figures in each column relative to the average number of employees and average salary should agree with the total of the column, except where disagreement is occasioned by omitting odd cents when under 50 cents and increasing to $1 when 50 cents or over.

"When a position is occupied for less than a full year, the fraction should be stated decimally in tenths; fractions less than one-twentieth will be dropped and fractions one-twentieth or over will be increased to one-tenth."

It will be noted from the above quotation that each position must be assigned to one of the several salary ranges herein mentioned. The Bureau must also combine, by ranges, the positions of all the ten Mint Field Service institutions, on a comparable basis for the three years included in each budget; also, the data must be consistent within narrow limits. In view of the difficulties in compilation of the data heretofore received from the field offices, it is considered advisable that in future each of the large ones compile, from month to month, the data necessary for making up the annual budget. In

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Under to accomplish this with as little extra effort as possible it will be necessary to re-arrange the pay rolls, grouping together all of the positions that come under each sub-division of each of the several ranges, as they appear in the budget. It will then be possible to take off from each pay roll, to a card prepared for the purpose, the amounts earned by each of the several groups, with the number of days worked by each group, and at the end of the year to make computation of average number of positions employed in each sub-division of each range, also to compute the average salary for each such group.

The salary ranges prescribed by the budget circular have, for convenience, been numbered from 1 to 20. A copy of your list of positions, received with your most recent annual estimates, is enclosed herewith, carrying indication (by range number) of the range to which each position has been assigned for preparation of the current and prior budgets. These range assignments should be continued, in order that the data for the three years always under consideration in each budget may be clearly comparable. A copy of the budget personal service data for 1927 and 1928 is also enclosed for your information and guidance.

A supply of cards is being forwarded under separate cover, and herewith a sample card with entries showing method of use. A separate card will be required for each group, or subdivision, of each range. One card should be carried for all temporary employees, regardless of the rates of pay involved. The positions should be arranged on pay roll in the following order: First, by range, next, by group in the range, next, by rate of pay with the highest first, and next, alphabetically. It will probably be advisable to re-arrange the pay roll numbers of the employees in the same order that they will appear on the pay roll, leaving a few blank numbers in each range for possible increases in force.

It will also probably be advisable to indicate on the personnel card now kept for each employee, the range assigned to the position held by him. This will aid in tracing or locating items.

It is suggested that the re-arrangement of pay rolls be made effective January 1, 1928, and that when the next annual estimates are prepared for the Bureau, they be made as nearly consistent as possible without compiling the pay-roll data for the first half of the current fiscal year, unless such compiling, at odd times between now and next July, is preferred by you and is found necessary in order to get closely consistent results for the year.

Sample of pay roll arrangement:

Range average $2,100

Senior Clerk -		
Jones, J. J.	$2,200	
Brown, F. S.	2,100	
Asst. Cashier -		
Lewis, L. F.	2,200	
Foreman -		
Stair, M. M.		6.80
Noack, J. T.		6.76

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Skilled Workman -	
Bounds, P. D.	6.80
Cahill, C. R.	6.80
Maul, R. V.	6.80
Offut, M. A.	6.80
Auld, D. F.	6.76
Looker, L. L.	6.76

Please keep in mind that the information required by budget officers, and by Congress, is on a position basis, not on a person basis. To illustrate, one position could be held, at different periods during a year, by two or more persons, at different rates within the range to which the position belongs. Therefore, when there is a temporary vacancy in a position, such as is caused by a death or resignation of a regular employee, with the incidental time required for selecting a new person, the position should be continued on the payroll and on these budget cards, the name-space and money-spaces on roll being left blank, and on these budget cards the days for which no payment is made being shown in the column "Pay status days deducted." Changes in positions should be shown, however, when they are permanent or semi-permanent.

When requisition is made - say in April - for next year's supply of budget cards, suggestions are invited for making them more convenient for use.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S
Encl.

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Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Deliveries sixty one to sixty four passed.

Grant
Director Mint.

December 15, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 7th in reply to Bureau letter of December 2nd concerning domestic coin received for melting, also to report dated December 7th covering domestic coin melted during the month of November. It is noted that the gold and silver coin reported to have been melted during November is materially greater than the amounts reported to have been received for melting. As stated in Bureau letter of December 2nd, the amounts wanted are those which check with the quarterly reports on form 474-A and form 61-A, which presumably are the amounts melted. We will so assume unless advised to the contrary, and for November will use, for gold, $92,207.50 instead of $42.50, and for silver, $232,304.70 instead of $31,815.65. In future the report by denominations need be made only quarterly, on form 474-A.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

December 14, 1927

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Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Treasurer wants fifty thousand dimes soon as possible in addition to Halves. Run overtime if necessary.

R. J. GRANT
Director Mint.

R.J.G.

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December 14, 1927.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/11/10924, 10-29-27, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.
$1,000 in cents $37.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of November.

Vo. No. 198, Braun-Knecht-Heimann Comapny, $395.37, for nitric acid carries a discount of 1% on the net amount of the bill after deducting $80 for returned carboys. Apparently the discount should have been taken on the value of the acid purchased, which would give 60¢ more discount than actually was taken. Further information is requested concerning the matter.

It is requested that the portion of the wrapper containing the parcel post stamps covering shipment of the copyholders from W.D.Campbell, Washington, DC, Vo. No. 232, $26.64, be forwarded for attaching to the voucher, as they are required by the General Accounting Office. The parcel post charges apparently should have been $2.665 instead of $2.84 on a 22 lb. parcel to the eighth zone from Washington, but if it is established that $2.84 was paid itt is probable the General Accounting Office will allow that amount.

Last page of payroll is herewith returned for correction as per pencil notations thereon; the payroll does not constitute a voucher evidencing expenditure of the item $53.19, therefore this sum should not be included in the total amount for which the roll is approved, either on face or reverse of the sheet.

Vo. No. 255, $10.11, in favor of the Post Office Department for drayage on 225000 lbs nickel (15 barrells) has been charged to the special deposit account instead of the minor coinage metal fund;

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San Francisco 2.

it is requested that a voucher be prepared charging the latter, and that the amount be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the former, in your accounts for the month of December. Incoming transportation costs are a part of the cost of the articles purchased. This amount will raise your average cost of nickel coinage metal on hand.

Vo. No. 26, 38¢, insurance on minor coin, is herewith returned for amount for which approved, the name of the office and date thereof, to be noted on the reverse.

The certification of count of regular account cash on hand, on reverse of the regular account current, may be discontinued. Since there is always much more than that amount of cash on hand the General Accounting Office has acquiesced in the opinion that such certification is superfluous.

For your future guidance please be advised that the $7.64 light weight coin surplus shown on right-hand side of the bullion fund "cash" account should have been stated two lines above, as recoinage surplus, to conform with the description of the contra item on left-hand side of the account "Coin for Recoinage".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to you request of the 14th instant for paper seals, I would state that our supply at present is exhausted. A requisition was made on the printer November 13th, last, for a supply, which upon receipt, your order will receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 13th please be advised that no new form has been prescribed for individual salary payments, in lieu of Mint Service Form 940. You may therefore continue to use the old form.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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December 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the profits on minor coinage, bills of the American Railway Express Comapny as follows:

K/11/11531	11/14/27	S. F. to Los Angeles	$10,000	in cents	$237.50
K/11/11537	11/ 8/27	do to Spokene	1,000	in do	37.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F. F.

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December 21, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 46¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of November, 1927. The rate 4 1/5¢ per $1,000 is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Superintendent Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

Your present stock cents sufficient this year. Nineteen twenty eight dies on way.

GRANT
Director Mint.

R. J. M.

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December 22, 1927.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, $2.54, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, November 7, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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December 27, 1927.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of December 20th concerning stationery ordered by you in October, the Bureau is advised by telephone from the Bureau of Supply that the additional clips will be forwarded you; also oil board 10 x 14 as requested by you. They state that the copy bath cloths are available only in size 10 x 12. When you need to copy larger size reports, etc., it will therefore be necessary to use more than one cloth. The Bureau of Supply understand that when boxes of clips are ordered it means small boxes of 100 clips; the larger boxes containing 1,000 clips are known as cartons.

Respectfully,

F-S

Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1928.

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Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized accept American Smelting bid to supply minor coin copper decimal fourteen forty four pound.

GRANT

Director.

R.4.

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Jan. 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$19,000.
Contingent Expenses	3,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 4, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 28, 1927, you are authorized to purchase a Monroe Calculating Machine, Model KA 202, automatic, electrically operated, General Supply Committee catalog #18200 (e) (3) (dd) at $475, from which the Monroe agent in San Francisco advises you he will allow an additional discount of 15%.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

OK

January 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Since the San Francisco Mint has a material quantity of refined silver bullion available for coinage, and the Denver Mint does not, it is hereby directed that on January 13th you transfer, in your accounts, 1,262,452.65 fine ounces subsidiary silver with value $770,096.12 at 61¢ per fine ounce, your approximate average cost, to the Mint at Denver, and transfer from the Mint at Denver to your Pittman silver account 1,262,452.65 fine ounces of silver at $1 per ounce. These transfers will be book adjustments only; no silver will be physically transferred from one institution to the other, and there will be no change in the combined figures of the two mints as regards the total quantity and value of silver in the subsidiary accounts and that in the Pittman accounts. The Denver Mint is being directed to make contratransfers of the same quantities and values.

These transfers should be recorded and reported in the same way as though the bullion were physically transferred. The Treasurer is being informed concerning them. Please file a copy of this letter with your account current, and make reference thereto in your records and on the account current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent Mint,

San Francisco, Cal.

Prepare to coin silver dollars. Letter in mail regarding transfer silver from Denver.

GRANT
Director.
R. J. G.

January 14, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In response to your request of January 10, 1928, authority is granted to purchase the following graphite goods:-

The Dixon Crucible Company.

350 #100 vitrified crucibles at $9.50 each, less 1% for payment on 10th proximo.

The Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company.

200 4" rings or extension tops for #100 crucibles, at $0.70 each, net.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

January 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/12/12284, 12-3-27, San Francisco to Spokane, Wash.
$2,000 in nickels)
$1,500 in cents) $61.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P-A

Jan. 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Voucher in the amount of $52.19, salary due the estate of the late Thomas Caveney, formerly a Helper at your institution, for the period November 1-26, 1927, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 salaries and wages appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Keefe

For R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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January 20, 1928.

Contingent Expenses, Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Advise Bureau whether or not you have started Salvador coinage. If you have started suspend until further advised, and make no delivery. Wire today.

GRANT
Director.

January 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 8¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of December. The rate 4 1/5¢ is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

January 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

One copy of the December bullion account current is herewith returned for correction as per pencil notations thereon. The amount of the regular transfer from other offices, on the debit side of the silver bullion account, should be $3149.14 instead of $3148.57; the silver value of the Carson transfer has been raised 57¢ on both the account current and the bullion abstract sheet, to agree with the figures reported by you in December to the Treasurer of the US. The charge back to Carson, made early in January, should be reversed in January as it was due to a transposition of unit price by Carson; they are entitled to the credit, which Miss Martin has probably explained to you by this time. Form 193, silver coinage bullion, is also returned for correction as per pencil notations.

In scheduling bullion transfers on abstract sheet in future, will you please place the name of the shipping office on same line as other data, in the columns headed "Charges on the deposit", and show totals of all regular transfers received. The same procedure would also be helpful on uncurrent coin meltings, where more than one item is involved.

The proposal accompanying Vo. No. 261, Los Angeles Soap Co., $91.87, specifies "Cocoa Almond" toilet soap. Please forward an explanation for attaching to the voucher, either establishing that it is not a particular make or brand, or if it is such, adequate reasons for specifying same. In this connection see prior Bureau letters concerning special make articles.

San Francisco 2.

Deposit Certificate No. 2509 is herewith returned for the signature of the Superintendent.

Vo. No. 40, minor coinage metal fund, is returned with request that a new one be prepared, as per pencil notations thereon. The explanations of this transaction, on both accounts current, have been amplified for clearer understanding thereof.

Expenditure symbol assigned to boiler compound, Vo. No. 255, apparently should be 0282 instead of 0205. This suggestion is based on the general character of the items named under each head, rather than any specifically named items.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. T.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from the minor coinage profits, bills of the American Railway Express Company as follows:

K/12/12503, 12-5-27, San Francisco to Los Angeles, Cal.
$10,000 in cents $237.50
K/12/12504, 12-6-27, San Francisco to Seattle, Wash.
$2,000 in nickels)
$3,000 in cents) 127.38

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P-A

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

January 28, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

It is requested that in future, all shipments of bullion and coin made at Government expense, including pyx coins sent to Philadelphia Mint, be made by Insured Parcel Post rather than by express. Funds for shipments between mints and assay offices will be advanced under the appropriation "Freight on Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

February 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the amount of $20,000, Salaries and Wages, Mint at San Francisco, 1928. The amount requested from the contingent appropriation is not considered necessary at this time in view of the fact that the encumbrances set up to December 31, 1927, are less by over $4,000 than the total amount of advances to that date. In addition thereto $3,000 was advanced in January, making approximately $7,000 available from January 1, 1928, which appears to be sufficient for present needs.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $17.11, express charges on three shipments of dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, December 23-22-20/27, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 6, 1928.

Contingent Ex. Mint Bureau, 1928.

NIGHT

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Appointment Gonzales engineer six dollar two cents approved.

GRANT
Director.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

February 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

A package of January bullion deposit certificates, just received in this office, was exposed to damage in the mails by reason of having been wrapped in but one thickness of paper, the paper having been badly torn in transit.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

T-S

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 10, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Relative to your coinage operations on Pittman silver, it is requested that the manufacture of dollars be continued until your stock of Pittman bullion is used up, so far as it is practicable to do so without working on unreasonably small quantities. When this point has been reached, please advise the Bureau of the date and amount of your last delivery of silver dollars, and your total silver dollar coinage for the month, also state the exact balance of Pittman silver being carried in your accounts. This balance will then be transferred by the direction of the Bureau to the Philadelphia Mint in the same manner that recent transfer was made between the San Francisco and Denver mints, and the Philadelphia Mint will complete coinage of silver dollars under the Pittman Act. You will be later advised as to the date the transfer should be made in your accounts. By this procedure it will be necessary that all silver operative surplus, or wastage, of the current fiscal year be allocated to subsidiary coinage, because the transfer from your mint to the Philadelphia Mint will close out your Pittman silver bullion account.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

Feb. 11, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1928.

ROUTINE

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Authorized accept bid American Smelting Refining Company on sweeps.

Grant
Director.

February 11, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In response to your request of February 6, 1928, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Weidenthal Gesliner Electric Works for supplying your Mint with a motor-generator set for horizintal silver cells, at a cost of $350.00. It is understood that this is the lowest of two bids received of four asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

February 13, 1928.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Please forward immediately by express two pair double eagle collars to Philadelphia Mint.

Grant

Director.

A.J.G.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

February 15, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir;

I am glad to be able to tell you that the coins from your Mint which were tested by the Annual Assay Commission were found to be within the requirements of law as to weight and fineness.

Respectfully,

R. W. GRANT.
Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1928.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Mr. Martin gives a bond in the sum of $10,000, the same amount as that of the Assayer's bond. The Assistant Assayer in Philadelphia gives a bond in the sum of $5,000, and it is thought that you might deem it appropriate to ask to have the penalty of Mr. Martin's bond reduced from $10,000 to $5,000. The premium on the existing bond is due late in March, so, if you will let me know your wishes, I will ask for the preparation of a new bond in the reduced amount of penalty, before that date.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

Hon. M. J. Kelly,
Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

February 16, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

As soon as you have come to the place where you will stop coining silver dollars, will you please plan to coin nickels and dimes. It is understood that you will cease using Pittman silver at a point where you can report the final balance not in process, and which may be transferred on the books to the Philadelphia Mint. The Philadelphia Mint has a small balance of Pittman silver bullion on hand and it has seemed best to combine your final unused balance with theirs, and have the Pittman dollars cleaned up in one Mint,- at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

February 18, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 14, please be advised that the Architect's appropriation for furnishings for ~~mint~~ buildings is not available to us. Please ask for bids, and charge the expenditure to your Contingent fund, 1928.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint

February 18, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In response to your request you are authorized to accept the proposal of the General Ceramics Company to furnish your Mint with an earthenware basket for the Heine centrifugal in the refinery at a cost of $340.00 it being understood that of the three bids asked this was the only one received.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

February 23, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American RR Express Co., $3.28, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, January 7, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

February 27, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Responding to your request of February 21, 1928, you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Walton N. Moore Dry Goods Company, Inc., to furnish your Mint with 2000 yards of unbleached sheeting 36" wide as per sample submitted, at 20¢ per yard and the proposal of L. Dinkelspiel Company to furnish 3 bolts of unbleached sheeting 8/4 wide at 42¢ per yard.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

February 27, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 21, 1928, relative to the amount of Mr. Martin's bond. As you are in agreement with us that the penalty of his present bond is too high, I have asked the Secretary's office to prepare and forward to you for Mr. Martin a bond in the sum of $5000. Mr. Martin can ask for a refund of the amount paid in premium on the higher bond when the new bond is executed for a lesser amount.

Respectfully,

R. J. GRANT
Director of the Mint.

March 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages,	$19,000.
Contingent Expenses,	4,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 6, 1928.

The Superintendent, U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

There are enclosed blue prints and a letter from the Supervising Architect which are self-explanatory. The Director, who is in Philadelphia this week, has told me to send the blue prints and letter to you so that they may be checked up and, if you think it necessary, for Mr. Marshall to come to Washington for conference with the Architect's Office.

The Architect's representative having this work in charge is very anxious that Mr. Marshall shall come, and has asked that, if you can spare him, he leave for here some day during the week beginning March 19. This will give you time to consider the plans, together with the letter of the Architect, and have Mr. Marshall ready to make suggestions for changes if you deem it advisable.

Anticipating your consent to have Mr. Marshall come, there are enclosed transportation orders for his use. Please wire the Bureau when and if Mr. Marshall may be expected to reach here, but not before the week of the 19th.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith, for payment from profits on minor coinage bill of the Amercian RR Express Company, as follows:

L/2/1516 1/18/28 S.F. to Spokene	$2,000 in nickels	
	1,000 in bronze	$62.77

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 7, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $2.44, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, 1-24-28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 9, 1926.

Contingent Expenses, Office Director of the Mint, 1920.

Collector Customs.
San Francisco, Cal.

Your telegram February domestic gold coin exports sixty thousand dollars while mailed advice gives thirty thousand.

Acting Director Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Railway Company, $4.91, freight charges on Canvas, Atlanta to Mobile, January 4, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

March 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

It is hereby directed that on March 17, 1928, you transfer to the Philadelphia Mint 746.81 fine ounces of silver dollar bullion at $1.00 per ounce, total value of $746.81; also that you transfer from the Philadelphia Mint 746.81 fine ounces of subsidiary silver coinage bullion at 58¢ per ounce, Philadelphia's approximate average cost, giving total value of $433.15. These transfers will be book adjustments only, no silver will be physically transferred from one institution to the other, and there will be no change in the combined figures of the two mints as regards the total quantity and value of silver in the subsidiary accounts and that in the Pittman accounts. The Philadelphia Mint is being directed to make contra transfers of the same quantities and values.

These transfers should be recorded and reported in the same way as though the bullion were physically transferred. The Treasurer is being informed concerning them. Please file a copy of this letter with your account current, and make reference thereto in your records and on the account current.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 14, 1928.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant you are authorized to accept the proposal of the Weidenthal Gosliner Electric Works, amounting to $130.00, less 5%, to supply your Mint with a 10" ball bearing 220 volt D. C. electric bench grinder, with three grinding wheels, this being the lowest of four bids received.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 16, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Calmar Steamship Corp., $10.59, freight charges on cotton waste, Phila to S.F., 11/22/27, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of February.

Vo. No. 343, California Petroleum Corporation, is herewith returned for correction in that the certificate of approval reads $471.43 whereas the correct amount of the voucher is $271.43. Credit was claimed on schedule of vouchers and account current for the correct amount.

With regard to the use of certified dealers bills, it is requested that the bills be securely attached to the face of the vouchers in accordance with the original letter of instructions of the Bureau, instead of to the reverse.

It is requested that on future bullion abstract recapitulations the month's transfers from the several mint service institutions be totaled; also the uncurrent coin items.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of March 13th, you are authorized to purchase from the General Electric Company the following:

72 ea. DRG. M 1675238 G 4 brush holders at $2.00 each;
72 ea. DRG. 209130 Grade N.CC-525 brushes for General Electric Company generators, serial #177502 and 177503 type M.P-6-15-650 Form L. amperes 1000, speed 650, volts full load 15, at $1.25 each;

these prices being the only quotations received of four bids asked.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

March 22, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher of Marsh & McLennan, 6¢, insurance charges on shipments of minor coin made during the month of February. The rate 4 1/5¢ is correct, but computation should be made prior to payment of voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

March 27, 1928.

Superintendent
United States Mint
San Francisco California

Our plan number two approved (stop) Please forward tracings immediately.

Marshall.

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RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 27, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This is to advise that bill of the Calmar Steamship Corp., $10.59, freight on cotton waste, Phila. to San Francisco, 11/22/27, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation, which was forwarded to the General Accounting Office, March 16, has been settled by that office in the amount of $9.53. Please refer to Bureau letter of March 16, advising your office at that time of the forwarding of above bill to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

~~R. W. Grant,~~
Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

March 28, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 22nd relative to placing the envelopes containing pyx coins in canvas bags instead of boxes, please be advised that there would appear to be no objection to this practice.

Funds from the appropriation "Freight on Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices", will be placed, to your credit at the beginning of the quarter, as you suggest.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$19,000.
Contingent Expenses,	3,000.
Transportation of Bullion and Coin, Mints and Assay Offices, 1928-29	10.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 10, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of 6,40 ounces certificate bar samples representing Mint Fine Gold Melts #74, 79, 84 and 89, forwarded with your letter of April 4, 1926.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your statement of appropriation transactions for March has been received. According to the supplemental statement attached thereto the total encumbrances liquidated to March 31st is $24,738.99, whereas according to your monthly reports the amount liquidated totals $24,733.99. Liquidations have been reported as follows:

To Dec. 31, 1927	$14,349.51
Jan. 1928	3,497.81
Feb.	3,700.72
March	3,185.95
Total to date	24,733.99

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. T.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., $5.08, express charges on two shipments of dies, March 6 and 8, Philadelphia to San Francisco, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of April 10th relative to the purchase of typewriters and adding machines; you are advised that the decision of the Comptroller General which required that you first offer them for sale to at least three concerns other than the concern from whom you contemplate buying, and in case the bids received are greater than the allowance in the G. S. C. Catalogue to sell the machines to the highest bidder and turn in the receipts as a miscellaneous receipt account sale Government property, has been rescinded.

If you will make requisition in the usual manner, giving this Bureau the serial number and model number of the machine which you wish to turn in to apply on the new purchase, the Bureau will request the Division of Supply to clear the order.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 3, 1928, advising this office that check No. 5428 was drawn in the sum of $2.59, in favor of First Assistant Postmaster General, and mailed to him on October 18, 1927, in payment of voucher No.188 for service rendered your institution.

The Bureau is in receipt today of a letter from the Division of Supply, Treasury Department, advising that they have received a letter from the Post Office Department stating that the check has not been received by that Department. It is suggested that, if you have not found the original check, a duplicate check be issued in the usual way and forwarded to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Post Office Department, in payment of the bill in question.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F-S

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the American Ry Exp Co., $2.66, express charges on dies, Philadelphia to San Francisco, 3/14/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

April 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 14th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase a new earthenware basket for the Heine centrifugal in the refinery of your Mint from the General Ceramics Company at a price of $677.50 net, F. O. B., your Mint; it being understood that this is the only bid received although three bids were asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

You will find herewith authorization letter for the purchase of 1,000 fire brick.

Referring to your statement in your letter of April 14th, that this authority had been requested previously in your letter of March 26th, please be advised that a careful search of our files does not disclose any letter of March 26th from you.

We regret this delay which, as you will perceive, was entirely unavoidable on our part.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 14th, you are authorized to purchase from W. B. Mushet Company 1,000 high temperature circle fire brick for rebuilding the melting furnaces in your Mint at a price of $165.00 per 1,000, less 2% 10th prox.; this being the lower of two bids received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.
OR

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Company, $197.64, transportation charges of Mr. John J. Marshall, San Francisco to Washington, D. C., and return to San Francisco, 3/14/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania RR Co., $4.90, transportation charges of Mr. John J. Marshall, Washington to Philadelphia, 3/28/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

RG104 Entry 235 Vol 525

April 26, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 19th, and for the reasons mentioned therein, you are authorized to purchase the following graphite goods from the firms mentioned herein; it being understood that the prices named are in each case the most advantageous for acceptance by the Government:

Dixon Crucible Company.

200	#6 crucibles - - - - - - -	@ $0.945	each
75	#8 covers - - - - - - - -	.243	"
100	#3-D dippers - - - - - - -	.60	"
100	#5-D " - - - - - - -	.80	"
200	#1-U stirrers 9" long- -	.25	"
50	#5-S " 14" " - -	.30	"
50	bell " - - - - - - - -	2.00	"

Ross Tacony Crucible Company.

100	#8 crucibles - - - - - - -	@ $1.12	each
20	#14 " - - - - - - -	1.57	"
25	#20 " - - - - - - -	2.21	"
20	#30 " - - - - - - -	2.76	"
15	#45 " - - - - - - -	4.14	"
25	#60 " - - - - - - -	5.52	"
75	#6 covers - - - - - - -	.23	"
25	#30 " - - - - - - -	.69	"
25	#50 " - - - - - - -	1.17	"
100	#100 " - - - - - - -	2.30	"

E. D. Bullard Company.

25	#14 covers - - - - - - - -	.35	"
25	#20 " - - - - - - - -	.50	"

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Pullman Company, $31.88, for Pullman accommodations furnished Mr. John J. Marshall, San Francisco to Washington, D.C., March 21, 1928, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1928.

Salaries and Wages	$20,000.00
Contingent Expenses,	5,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 1, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your letter of April 26th, under date of April 30th, we have requested the Philadelphia Mint to forward to your Mint twenty pairs of one-cent dies.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
US Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Luckenbach SS Co., Inc., $6.53, freight charges on seals, Newark to San Francisco, 3/7/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 2, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania RR Co., $3.24, transportation charges for Mr. John J. Marshall, Philadelphia to New York, 4/1/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. O. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

P. T.

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May 3, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

The Congress of the United States has consolidated the appropriations for the mints and assay offices, for the fiscal year 1929, into two groups; one group consisting of the four large or major institutions and the other group consisting of the six small or minor institutions. The official names for these appropriations are: Salaries and Wages, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929; Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Major Institutions, 1929; Salaries and Wages, Mint Service Minor Institutions, 1929; Contingent Expenses, Mint Service Minor Institutions, 1929.

Your institution has been alloted for the fiscal year 1929, the following amounts:

Salaries and Wages - - - - - - - - -	$241,000.00
Contingent Expenses - - - - - - - -	46,000.00

The above contingent expense amount is exclusive of items that will be paid after pre-audit of vouchers - for express, freight charges, etc. - and therefore measures the amount which will be available, unless later modified, for disbursement by you.

The alloted amounts have been apportioned as follows:

Salaries and Wages		Contingent Expenses
$61,000	1st Quarter	$12,000
60,000	2nd "	12,000
60,000	3rd "	10,000
60,000	4th "	12,000

By direction of the Treasury Budget Officer these apportionment limitations must be strictly adhered to; obligations must not be created during any quarter in excess of the apportionment therefor, plus unexpended balances, if any, carried forward from previous quarter apportionments of the same appropriation, in advance of the issue of waiver by the Budget Officer, except in emergency

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involving loss of life or of public property. If conditions arise as the year progresses which would warrant the modifying of these apportionments, explanation of the reasons therefor should accompany your request to this Bureau for such modification, and no obligation should be created in anticipation of such modification.

Monthly reports covering encumbrances set-up, payments made, encumbrances liquidated by such payments, and unliquidated encumbrances, should be continued as heretofore, but excluding the non-local-cash items.

For the fiscal year 1929 the Bureau will handle all the accounting for pre-audit items - express charges, freight charges, etc., heretofore payable from the contingent appropriations of the several mints and assay offices. In order that we may do this, it will be necessary that you promptly forward to this office a copy of each bill of lading covering a shipment, or other evidence of a created encumbrance that will not be liquidated until after audit by the General Accounting Office. When Government bills of lading are sent to vendors for use in shipping to you materials the charges on which are properly payable by the Government you should in every instance notify the user to fill out all copies and return to you the original and one memorandum copy, the memorandum copy being immediately remailed by you to this Bureau. Such expenses will not be taken into your records and will not be reported on your monthly encumbrance statements; you will not be notified, as at present, when such vouchers are sent to the General Accounting Office.

The consolidating of the appropriations will have the effect of practically eliminating transfers between Mint Service appropriations, for equipment, supplies, or services rendered by one institution for another. However, the Philadelphia Mint will make monthly report, and the other institutions annual report, of such supplies and services rendered to other institutions of the Mint Service, with their values (costs separately by appropriations for each item or lot), for the information of the Bureau, and particularly for preparing the annual report of the Director of the Mint so as to show the expenses properly chargeable to each institution.

Rubber stamps carrying the names of the new appropriations have been received and two stamps for each appropriation are being forwarded you. Do not use the old appropriation names for transactions chargeable to the 1929 appropriations, and do not use the new appropriation names for transactions chargeable to prior appropriations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S.Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith find bill of the Post Office Department for hauling, $1.41. If this hauling was performed for you, and is payable from your appropriation it is suggested that it be attached to one of the regular voucher forms and without further certification by the Post Office Department be paid by you.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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Director of the Mint 1928.

May 8, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Authorized purchase ten tons copper American Smelting decimal fourteen eighty-five per pound.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

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May 9, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of The Pennsylvania RR Co., $8.14, transportation charges for Mr. J. J. Marshall, New York to Washington, 4/4/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 12, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Voucher in the amount of $17.49, payable to George L. Caveney, brother of Thomas Caveney, late employee at your institution, as his pro-rata share of wages due said Thomas Caveney, at the time of his death has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 Salaries and Wages Appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. A. Dupuy,
Director of the Mint.

R. E.

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May 14, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 8th, and for the reasons stated therein, you are authorized to purchase six acid proof tanks 44 x 24 x 18" porcelain from The General Ceramics Company at $84.25 each, less 1% for payment in 10 days; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 15, 1928.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Reference Treasurer's letter April twentieth remit gold coin as requested and advise him immediately by letter of your unused allotment.

Grant
Director.

May 24, 1928.

Superintendent,
U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Pullman Co., $35.64, for sleeping accommodations furnished Mr. John J. Marshall, Washington to Philadelphia, Philadelphia to New York, New York to Washington, Washington to Chicago and Chicago to San Francisco during March and April, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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May 17, 1928.

Honorable M. J. Kelly,
Superintendent, United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Referring to your telegram of May 16th, I am glad that you can spare the services of the two men you mention for settlement.

Please notify me at once whether the men wish the $6.00 or $7.00 per diem subsistence allowance. As you know, itemized expenses must be submitted to collect the $7.00 allowance.

I am inclosing a copy of the Travel Regulations.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In compliance with your telegraphic request of today, I am inclosing transportation orders for Mr. E. J. Murphy; calling for a round-trip railroad ticket from San Francisco to Denver and return, and Pullman from San Francisco to Denver.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

P. S. Please instruct Mr. Murphy to use enclosed identification card when purchasing tickets, and to return the card to this Bureau when he has procured transportation and Pullman accommodations for this particular assignment.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

May 17, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Mailing to San Francisco Murphy transportation requests for Denver today.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office
Director of the Mint 1928.

May 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Authorized purchase ten tons nickel at thirty-seven cents pound United States Nickel Company.

Grant
Director.

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May 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your letter of May 11th, please be advised that under date of May 17, 1928, the General Supply Committee has cleared your request to purchase from the L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc., one L. C. Smith typewriter, 18½" wide to write a line 16½" wide, and one L. C. Smith typewriter, 14½" wide to write a line 12½" wide; both machines to be equipped with automatic tabulator stop set at a cost of $8.75 each; the 18½" typewriter being item 18610 (d) of the General Supply Catalogue, $87.50 plus $8.75, total $96.25; and the 14½" typewriter being item 18610 (c), $77.50 plus $8.75, total $86.25. The automatic tabulator stop set is item 18610 (1) (2).

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1928.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In response to your letter of May 11th, please be advised that under date of May 17, 1928, the General Supply Committee has cleared your request to purchase a Model KA 202 Monroe automatic electrically operated computing machine, 10-10-20 capacity, General Supply Catalogue item 18200 (e) (5) (dd) for $475.00, less 15% for payment in 30 days.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following pertains to your accounts for the month of April.

Abstracts of Agreement attached to Vos. Nos. 429 and 466, are herewith returned for indication in the top section of the reverse of each as to whether award was made to the lowest bidder.

Voucher against the appropriation Transportation of Bullion & Coin was scheduled on a separate sheet of Std. Form 1024 - it should have been on the other schedule, in its numerical sequence; the appropriation year was not noted on the voucher nor on the schedule, nor was the name of the appropriation correctly stated on the account current. The amendments have been made in this office. If you keep a carbon copy of the Bullion Account Current please amend the placing of the first two items on credit side of the "Cash" account, each having been placed two lines too high.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Co., $27.22, freight charges on toilet paper, North Bennington, Vt., to San Francisco, 2/8/28, has this day been forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement, payable from your 1928 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

R. W.

May 21, 1928.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Herewith for payment from the profits on minor coin bill of the American Ry. Express Co., as follows:

1/4/3329 4/11/28 S. F. to Spokane $1,000 in cents $57.45

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

P. F.

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May 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 16th, you are authorized to purchase from The General Ceramics Company 12 earthenware acid proof frames at $18.50 each, less 1% for payment in 10 days; this being the only bid received of three bids asked.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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